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PREFACE.

The designation "State Papers," by which the documents preserved in the State Paper Office are ordinarily known, and by which they are described on the title pages of the present series of Calendars, must be understood with some qualification. It is a convenient general title, under which the Calendars published, and the papers they represent, may be easily and properly recognized,—a title clearly applicable to them with reference to the place of their deposit, and generally so with reference to their actual character; but it is by no means put forth as a precise diplomatic description of every single document.

The Papers which form the Domestic Series of State Papers during the reign of Charles I. are of a miscellaneous character. Intermingled with sign manuals, proclamations, orders and correspondence of the Council, letters of the Secretaries of State, of the Lord High Admiral, and of other important public functionaries—great and primary evidences of the acts of the King's Government—there occur papers, some entirely private, of Secretary Nicholas, of Archbishop Laud, of Attorney-General Heath, and of other eminent persons. By what means many of these papers were originally brought into the State Paper Office it is not easy to discover. Some of them evidently found their way thither by the accidents to which in disturbed periods the papers of public men are subject. With some slight exceptions, they are now all intermingled, and arranged chronologically in one great series. Together they form a collection of papers, public and private, general and individual, local and personal,

which has not, indeed, the definiteness, or what may even be termed the grandeur, of some of our great series of public Records, but they constitute a collection which cannot be surpassed for facility of consultation, and one which, when taken in connexion with the present Calendars, will be found to develope the facts of our national history in a way and to a degree altogether unexampled.

The portion of this collection which relates to the period of Charles I. is very unequally divided between the several parts of that King's reign. During the early years, as the present volume makes evident, the number of papers is very great. It continues to be so during the administration of the Duke of Buckingham, and until after the peace with Spain. For a few years after 1630 the papers are much less numerous. From 1634 there is again an increase, and as the time of the final public troubles approaches they are greatly augmented. For 1639 and 1640, they are as numerous as in 1625 and 1626. From an early period in the succeeding year there is a great falling off, and the papers of the last eight years of the reign will not occupy more space than those of the two bustling years which are included in the present volume. The cause of this inequality is obvious. The greater the variety and importance of public business, the larger the number of papers. The early years of the reign, which were years of war and foreign maritime expeditions, produced most extensive collections; the endeavour to defray the expenses of Government by the levy of ship money gave rise to much new business and to many papers. But the State Paper Office, it will be remembered, was the King's repository, and the officers who transmitted papers thither were his servants. When the fatal quarrel arose between the King and the Parliament, and the King retired from London, these officers followed his person to York, to Oxford, and elsewhere. They carried their papers about

with them, or deposited them in places not within the enemy's quarters. Few found their way into the State Paper Office, except those which were captured on the field of battle, or came into possession of the Parliament by some of the other chances of a state of warfare.

The present volume opens with the State ceremonies consequent upon the recognition of the new Sovereign. From that time it takes its course through the events of the two succeeding years, illustrating, day by day, every incident as it occurred. In the case of many of the more important acts of public policy within this period, the State Papers give us their entire history. They show in whose advice such acts originated; they develope their progress and exhibit their results.

The funeral of King James I., the reception of Queen Henrietta Maria, the plague which desolated the metropolis, the coronation, the loan of the Vanguard and other English ships to the French, the Parliaments of 1625 and 1626, the naval expeditions of those years, the loans which supplied the place of subsidies, the impeachment of Buckingham, the dismissal of the Queen's French attendants, the quarrel between England and France, following hard upon that with Spain, the general disarming of the Roman Catholics, the ravages of the Dunkirkers on our eastern and those of the Sallee-men on our western coasts:—these are examples of the kind of subjects which will be found copiously illustrated in the State Papers. The force and vividness with which these papers bring the England of that day before us, is indeed marvellous. The condition of every department of the State, of the households of the King and Queen, of the people, with many of their trades and occupations, and the feeling with which they regarded every incident which affected the honour or prosperity of the country, may be read with a distinctness which it is scarcely possible to transfuse into treatise or history. Nor

is it only the general condition of the people, or of the country, which here receives illustration; students of biography, and of those valuable branches of historical inquiry, topography and genealogy, will all find that they have an interest in these State Papers. The Index at the end of the volume lays open information on all these subjects. The multitude of names of places, and of letters of distinguished persons, many of them in a high degree characteristic, will prove to all historical inquirers that there is matter here to which it behoves them to pay attention.

It is impossible to enumerate all the important letters here calendared, but it may stimulate inquiry to mention a few. There is a letter, unfortunately only one, but one of characteristic kindness, and among the latest he ever wrote, of Lord Bacon.* Papers of Archbishop, then Bishop Laud, occur not unfrequently. Among them is the original, in his own hand, of his "Memorables of our late "dear and dread Sovereign Lord King James, of famous "memory."† The letters of Sir John Eliot and papers relating to him, scattered throughout the volume, are in the highest degree important. They contain much new and valuable matter. One letter of Sir Thomas Wentworth, afterwards Earl of Strafford, need scarcely be pointed out.‡ Fulke, Lord Brooke, the servant of Queen Elizabeth and friend of Sir Philip Sydney, then tottering towards the grave into which he was shortly afterwards hurried by the knife of an assassin, the Earls of Essex, Totness, Bristol, Warwick, Denbigh, Holland, and Carlisle, Viscounts Grandison and Wimbledon, Lord Willoughby, Bishops Andrewes, Morton, Neile, Bayly, and Williams, are correspondents whose letters will be sure to attract attention. Some of

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* P. 234, Vol. XIX., No. 49. † P. 5, Vol. I., No. 31.
‡ P. 228, Vol. XVIII., No. 110.

those of the last-mentioned prelate are almost incredible examples of flattery. One interesting letter occurs from Speed, the chronicler,* and one from Alexander Gil, the master of St. Paul's school.† There are single letters, also, of Donne the poet‡ and of Sir Tobie Matthew.§ Sir Francis Nethersole and Sir Benjamin Rudyerd are writers of valuable news-letters included in this collection, the well-known Chamberlain is a similar writer, and so is Thomas Locke. There are several papers relating to Sir Robert Sherley and the English intercourse with Persia; a few papers relating to artists will be found referred to in the Index under Vanderdort, Briot, and Mittens; some to musicians, under Orlando Gibbons, the several Lanieres, and Ferrabosco; there is one letter of Sir Richard Beaumont,‖ and several papers of Edmund Bolton, and of others of the minor celebrities of the literature of the time. Sir Henry Goodyere appears as a humble petitioner for pecuniary relief, and there is a similar application of an interesting kind from the degraded Sir Francis Mitchell. Sir Allen Apsley, Sir Henry Vane, Sir William St. Leger, Sir Thomas Love, Sir John Suckling, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Sir Robert Heath, and Sir Lewes Lewkenor, are all contributors, more or less frequently, to the collection, taking their turns, in that respect, with the Duke of Buckingham, Secretaries Conway and Coke, Captain Pennington, Sir John Hippisley, Sir Henry Palmer, Sir James Bagg, Captain Richard Gyffard, Sackville Crow, and a multitude of others.

Among the papers are many which relate to subjects of interest to the investigators of national progress;—the state of the Mint and the Post Office, the course of improvement

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* P. 308, Vol. XXIV., No. 72. † P. 321, Vol. XXV., No. 85.
‡ P. 158, Vol. X., No. 28. § P. 10, Vol. I., No. 67.
‖ P. 386, Vol. XXXII., No. 51.

in ordnance and hand-arms, the pay, training, and muster of soldiers and sailors, the state of the art of shipbuilding, the places where the greater number of ships were built, the condition of fisheries, of the coal trade, the introduction of the "new draperies," the state of the cloth trade, and many other branches of manufacture, with a great variety of cognate subjects.

One point is necessary to be mentioned with reference to the arrangement of some of the papers which are here calendared. A considerable number of them, it will be perceived, are undated. In many instances these stand in the State Paper Office in places which are, in a certain sense, traditionary. They have come down to the present time in connexion with certain bundles or collections of papers relating to kindred subjects. It would, perhaps, be possible to fix the date of almost every one of these undated papers, but to do so would involve an amount of tedious and difficult inquiry which would exhaust a hundred lives, and when accomplished would, in the great majority of cases, advance no purpose of material moment. Such prolonged inquiry with reference to papers of slight importance would also militate against what may be termed one of the very principles of the publication of the series of Calendars in which the present volume occupies its niche; that principle is expedition. The wish is, to give to the present generation information which is valuable, but has not hitherto been made accessible. In accordance with this object, I have thought it right, in the cases to which I have alluded, to leave these papers in their traditionary places, satisfied that any inquirer to whom they may be of interest will be directed to them by the Index, and that, if at all, they are not very far out of place. The question in these cases always is, whether the apparent importance of such papers justifies the loss of time occupied in the pursuit of their actual date. When I have been able to answer that question in the nega-

tive, and have exhausted all ordinary sources of inquiry, I have deemed myself justified in leaving such papers where I found them.

In all these investigations, and indeed generally in connexion with the preparation of this volume, and its passage through the press, I have derived assistance, for which I am deeply grateful, from William Impey, Esq., and William Douglas Hamilton, Esq., two gentlemen upon the staff of the State Paper Office, who have been associated with me in this work. Without their able and zealous co-operation this volume could not have been produced at the present time, nor could I alone have got through the great amount of preliminary arrangement which has been necessary.

At the last moment, when the concluding portion of the Calendar contained in the present volume was in the hands of the printer, the donation of THE CONWAY PAPERS to the State Paper Office by the Right Honourable John Wilson Croker made a considerable addition to the papers relating to the period which is here dealt with. One portion of this donation is of a peculiar character. It consists of docquets of papers presented to King Charles I. for his signature, from his accession to the end of 1628, the period during which the first Lord Conway was a Secretary of State. In the previously published volumes of this series of Calendars, under the editorship of Robert Lemon, Esq., and Mrs. Green, it will have been noticed that the docquets of that class run to a considerable number; in the present Calendar as it stood completed at the time of Mr. Croker's donation, there occurred only one docquet for the year 1625, and four for 1626. This obvious *hiatus* is now filled up by the occurrence of these docquets in the Conway papers. The omission in the present volume of the Calendar has been supplied, as nearly as possible, by printing a calendar of these Conway docquets as an Appendix, and inserting the names which occur in them in their proper places in

the General Index to the volume. The other documents amongst the Conway papers, which relate to the years 1625 and 1626, stand over until the publication of a General Appendix, at the end of the work.

The next volume will comprise, at the least, the years 1627 and 1628, and the whole series of the Calendar of the papers of Charles I. will probably extend to six or seven volumes.

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DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES I.

Vol. I. March 27—April, 1625.

1625.

[March 27.] Proclamation of the Privy Council, the Lord Mayor and others, that Prince Charles, by the death of King James, had become King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 1.]

[March 27.] 1. MS. copy of the above.

March 27. London. 2. J. Chambermayd to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Gives particular account of the last illness and death of her Majesty's father, King James. He died at 12 at noon, and before 6 at night his successor was proclaimed.

March 27. 3. Wm. Burrell, a Commissioner of the Navy, to Edward Nicholas, Secretary to George Duke of Buckingham, Lord High Admiral. Recommends Robt. Morecock, for Master Carpenter of the Dreadnought, in place of Thos. Baker, deceased.

March 27. Dunkirk. 4. Nicholas Roberts to Sir Cornelius Huyghenson. Being at sea his ship and two others were taken by five sail of Dunkirk men-of-war. He remains a prisoner at that place. Cruel treatment of himself and his men.

March 28. St. James's. Proclamation declaring the accession of King Charles; and commanding all persons to see the King's peace duly kept, and to be obedient to his laws. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 2.]

March 28. St James's. Proclamation that all men being in office at the decease of King James shall so continue till his Majesty's further direction. [*Ibid., No.* 3.]

[March 28.] 5. Minute of proceedings of the Privy Council on the decease of King James and accession of King Charles. Account of the proclamation of the new Sovereign; swearing in of the Privy Council; and advice tendered by them to his Majesty on points deemed most material and pressing.

March 28. Westminster. The King to the Lord Privy Seal, the Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Secretaries of the Councils in Wales and the North parts. Letters patent authorising the use of the existing official Seals until further order. [*Case* A., *Charles* I., *No.* 1.]

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[March 29.] St. James's. Grant to Sir Albertus Morton of the office of one of the King's principal Secretaries, during pleasure, with the fee of 100*l.* yearly, during life. [*Coll. Sign. Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 2.]

March 29. Inner Temple. 6. Sir Thomas Coventry, Attorney General, to Edward Lord Conway, Secretary of State. Has drawn up a commission for the Mint; desires that, with the commission, the inclosed warrant for his "doing thereof" may be presented for the King's signature.

March 29. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal to pay pensions due to servants of His Majesty as Prince of Wales, at Lady Day last; and another for issuing monthly, for the expenses of the King's Household as Prince of Wales, 1,738*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and 844*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 204.]

March 29. Salisbury House. 7. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. His late Majesty signed a warrant for John Carlton to be Dep. Lieut. of co. Cambridge in place of Sir John Cotton, but the appointment was not completed, owing to a mistake. The Sec. is requested to procure another warrant from the present King.

[March 30.] St. James's. Warrant to pay to Sir Albertus Morton, as one of the Secretaries of State, 175*l.* per quarter, or 700*l.* per annum, for secret services [*Coll. Sign. Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 3.]

[March 30.] St. James's. Warrant to Sir Adam Newton, Receiver of the King's revenues as Prince of Wales, to pay pensions to servants in conformity with the above letter of Sec. Conway. [*Ibid., No.* 5.]

[March 30.] St. James's. Warrant to pay to Sir Henry Vane, Cofferer of the King's Household as Prince of Wales, 1,738*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, and 844*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; in conformity with the same letter of Sec. Conway. [*Ibid., No.* 6.]

March 30. St. James's. 8. Sir Francis Cottington to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. The King, her brother, will no doubt have more than a fatherly care of her. Cottington is not Secretary to his master being King, as he was to him being Prince.

March 30. Doctors' Commons. 9. Richd. Wyan to Edward Nicholas, Sec. to the Duke of Buckingham as Lord High Admiral. Sends depositions taken in the Court of Admiralty about the business of Burley. The ship in question is the same that is mentioned in Johnson's examination as the Dolphin. Sir Henry Marten has some information against Ascough and Daniel, the questioning of whom would turn to my Lord's profit.

March 31. Inner Temple. 10. Attorney General Coventry to Sec. Conway. Sends a Privy Seal to be signed for collecting the customs and other duties of that kind until his Majesty give further order, as the Lords agreed this afternoon.

March 31. Garlickhithe. 11. Sir John Coke, Master of Requests, to the same. Sends grants of Richaut's forfeiture made ready for the late King; and requests that he may be directed to renew the same in the name of King Charles, in which case he will pursue that service to the King's profit in the Star Chamber.

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1625.

March 31. St. James's. Proclamation for better furnishing the Navy with skilful mariners. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 4.]

March 31. 12. Petition of Michael Martenson, of Copenhagen, to George Duke of Buckingham; prays for release of the Flying Hart, detained in Bristol on suspicion of piracy.

[March 31.] 13. Minute of petition of Katherine Duchess Dowager of Lennox to the King, for confirmation of two grants, the one of 2,100*l.* per ann., to her and her two eldest sons for their lives, the other of 1,400*l.* to her eldest son for 21 years; which grants passed under the late King's hand, but were stopped at the Great Seal by his death.

March 31. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw new warrants for the Duchess of Lennox. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 205.]

March 31. [Whitehall.] The same to the same. To draw warrant to Lord Chief Justice Hobart to pass under his Majesty's Great Seal as Prince of Wales, such things as had been signed, but were not passed at his father's death. It is added, "This was not pursued, being held invalid in law." [*Minute, ibid., p.* 204.]

March 31. Westminster. Warrant for bestowing a pinnace called the Lion's Whelp on the Duke of Buckingham, in confirmation of a similar warrant of the late King, who died before the grant could pass the Seals. [*Coll. Sign. Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 7.]

March 31. Westminster. Warrant to the Council of War appointed by Parliament, authorising them to direct the repayment of such moneys as had been lent by the Duke of Buckingham, towards setting forth twelve of the King's ships to sea, the present warrant being in confirmation of a similar warrant of the late King. [*Ibid., No.* 8.]

March 31. Westminster. Renewed warrant to pay to Sir Thomas Button 3,615*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for service at sea during thirty-three years. [*Ibid., No.* 9.]

March 31. Westminster. Renewed warrant to pay 62*l.* 10*s.*, and deliver timber, for repairs of Shelbrook Lodge, in the forest of Whittlewood, co. Northampton; and also to pay 16*l.* and deliver 10 tons of timber, for repairs of the chief lodge in Corby Woods, in the forest of Rockingham in the same county. [*Ibid., No.* 10.]

March 31. Westminster. Renewed grant of the office of one of the Gunners in the Tower of London, with a fee of 6*d.* per day, to Robert Fowler, for his life. [*Ibid., No.* 11.]

March 31. Westminster. Renewed grant of a pension of 300*l.* per annum, to Sir Thomas Bagot, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 12.]

March 31. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir John Bath 300*l.* as a free gift, he being about to be employed on a special service. [*Ibid., No.* 13.]

March 31. Westminster. Licence to John Watson of East Retford, co. Nottingham, and Elizabeth his wife, to keep a tavern and sell wine at such prices as they please, certain statutes notwithstanding, upon a payment to the King of 3*l.* per annum. Authority is appended to grant 43 other similar licences to certain enumerated persons resident in other places. [*Ibid., No.* 15.]

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March 31. Westminster. Grant to Charles Maynard, for life, of the office of one of the two Auditors of the Court of Wards, in reversion, after the decease of John Tooke and Thomas Tooke, a previous grant of the same reversion made by the late King to Sir William Becher being surrendered. A similar grant to Charles Maynard by the late King had been rendered void by his Majesty's death. [*Coll. Sign. Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 16.]

[March ?] 14. Licence to Sir Thomas Compton to import yearly 50 tons of logwood, for twenty-one years, to be used in colouring haberdashers' wares, and not in dyeing cloth, reserving to his Majesty 50*l.* per annum. [*Copy of docquet, extracted from the Docquet Book of the Privy Seal Office, from Jan.* 1618 *to March* 31, 1625.]

[March ?] 15. Conditions and covenants in the Commissions authorising certain persons to dig for saltpetre.

[March ?] 16. Minute of two suits to the King, one for a pardon for a kinsman of Widow Man, convicted of manslaughter, the other for a surrender by Michael Burton of a grant of the forfeited estate of Sir Wm. Ayloffe.

[March ?] 17. Petition of William Tomson to the Commissioners for the late King's funeral; prays to be admitted one of the poor mourners.

[March ?] 18. Petition of the four Ordinary Pages of the Chamber to the late Queen Anne, to the same; pray that they may be set down amongst the King's servants, and have each of them a mourning cloak.

[March ?] 19. Petition of the Minister and Churchwardens of All Hallows, Barking, to the same; pray that some part of the cloth for mourning for the late King, distributed amongst the poor of divers parishes in London, may be given to their parish, which is one of the poorest within the walls of the City.

[March ?] 20. Account of 6,323*l.* 7*s.* 1¼*d.* due by the King as Prince of Wales, for expenses of robes, wardrobes, and stables, for two years ending Lady Day, 1625.

[March ?] 21. Epigram on Sir Edward Conway's elevation to the peerage, addressed to him by his countryman, Alexander Spicer.

[March ?] 22. Minute of petition to the King that no tobacco may be thenceforth imported, but such as is of the growth of the King's dominions.

[March ?] 23. Note in the hand-writing of Solicitor General Heath of things necessary to be done to secure the reputation, and by consequence the sale of the New Draperies.

[March ?] 24. Note, in the same hand-writing, of clauses to be inserted in the letters patent of incorporation of the several counties in which the New Draperies shall be set up.

April 1. St. James's. Proclamation to inhibit the sale of Latin Books reprinted beyond the seas, having been first printed in Oxford or Cambridge. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 5.]

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1625.

April 1. Exeter. 25. Sir John Eliot to George Duke of Buckingham. His great desire to serve the Duke. The times seem envious of him. A second time he had advanced thus far to attend his Grace, but the intimation of his late Majesty's decease had imposed, not only a sorrow, but an astonishment on all his faculties, and he cannot move without new direction. In the meantime, he will be wholly devoted to the contemplation of his Grace's excellence.

April 1. Tower Hill. 26. Commissioners of the Duke of Buckingham's Admiralty Droits to Nicholas. Desire to know if a certain party who has given information will appear and make some proof. Their desire is that the informant should attend at Sir Thos. Savage's house on the Tuesday next, and prove his assertions.

April 1. 27. Account of naval stores which Mark Serjaunt, of Hastings, has sent to be delivered to Sir John Hippisley.

April 2. St. James's. 28. The King to John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln, Lord Keeper. Warrant for dating the patent of Sir Thomas Chamberlayne, as one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, in such way that he may recover his precedency lost by his removal from the King's Bench and appointment to be Justice of Chester.

April 2. Blackfriars. 29. Sir John Killigrew to Nicholas. Will not fail to attend at Sir Thos. Savage's house, as required; should be better prepared if he had Mr. Bagg's account shewn him by Sir Thos. Savage.

April 2. 30. Receipt by Sir John Killigrew for all those papers which were delivered to Lord Conway, at Lady Billingsley's house, before Sir John Butler.

April 2. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a renewed Privy Seal for giving allowance to Sir William Bruncker and Christopher Aubrey of issues of Jurors made over to his Majesty as Prince of Wales. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 206.]

April 3. 31. "The memorables of our late dear and dread Sovereign Lord King James of famous memory," in the hand-writing of William Laud, Bishop of St. David's. Indorsed in the same hand-writing, "Brevis Historia vitæ et mortis serenissimi Regis Jacobi."

April 3. Liverpool. 32. Mayor of Liverpool to the Council. Details the circumstances of the shipwreck of 5 transports bound for Carrickfergus, with great loss of life. Report made by the clerk of the company of the one ship that escaped.

April 4. Chester. 33. Wm. Earl of Derby to the same. Loss of 5 ships having on board 550 men, of whom only 200 are saved. The survivors are at Beaumaris. The Earl has given direction for their present relief, which he hopes the Council will approve. *Incloses,*

33. 1. *Mayor of Liverpool to the Earl of Derby. Reports the shipwreck, and an appeal made to the Mayor of Liverpool by the Mayor of Chester; with the reply of the former.* 1625, *April* 2.

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33. II. *Mayor of Chester to Mayor of Liverpool. The country will scarce relieve the shipwrecked soldiers. Requests the Mayor of Liverpool to give what satisfaction he may to the Mayor of Beaumaris.* 1625, *April* 2.

33. III. *Earl of Derby to the Mayor of Beaumaris and the Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of the Peace of Anglesea. Present course should be taken for supporting the shipwrecked soldiers, collecting money for the same in the town and county. No doubt the Council will repay the amount: if not the Earl will see them satisfied.* 1625, *April* 3.

April 4. 34. Ceremonies observed on the removal of the body of King James from the palace of Theobalds to Denmark [*i.e.* Somerset] House.

April 5. 35. Petition of Thos. Ponnett to the Duke of Buckingham, to be appointed Pilot of the King's ships through the Black Deeps, in place of John Austin, deceased.

April 5. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Archbishop Abbot. To discharge certain prisoners at the instance of the French Ambassador, or to certify that they are detained for other causes than religion. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 206.]

April 5. [Whitehall.] The same to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare new grants for the Earl of Holderness, according to the late King's direction, for passing 100*l.* lands, and enfranchising copyholds to the value of 100*l.* lands. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 5. [Whitehall.] The same to the same. To draw a grant to Abraham Vanderdort of the office of His Majesty's Master Imbosser, &c. during life, with the fee of 40*l.* a year. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 5. [Whitehall.] The same to the same. To draw new grants to the Earl of Annandale of Plumpton Park, &c., in the form in which they were drawn for the late King. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 6. [Whitehall.] The same to the same. To prepare a pardon for Robert Jenner for melting and fining of silver. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 207.]

April 6. [Whitehall.] The same to Dep. Lieuts. of Anglesea. Acknowledging their good service in advertising the disasters befallen the troops going for Ireland. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 6. 36. Estimate of the surcharge of 20 merchant ships and 50 Newcastle ships, appointed to be made ready for service, and for other charges omitted in a former estimate (7,771*l.*)

April 7. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Trinity College, Cambridge. Recommending Robert Bee to be a scholar of that house. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 207.]

April 7. [Whitehall.] The same to the Justices of Chester. To inflict exemplary punishment on such persons as had misdemeaned themselves towards Sir Henry Bunbury in the execution of his charge. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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1625.

April 7. Westminster. 37. The King to the Duke of Buckingham. His Grace intending to adventure for discovery of the North-West Passage, the King grants him the pinnace called the Lion's Whelp to be employed in the said discovery. [This seems to have been a warrant prepared for the signature of the late King, but afterwards altered and used as a draft of a new warrant.]

April 7. 38. Receipt for a cable and anchor by J. des Roullieres from Richd. Collept. Fr.

April 7. Westminster. 39. The King to the Duke of Buckingham, Lord High Admiral. Commission authorizing the Duke to grant letters of marque against the subjects of the King of Spain inhabiting the Low Countries. [*Copy.*]

April 8. 40. Duke of Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy. The Duke having appointed James Rawlinson to be Gunner of the Bay Skonce, near Upnor Castle, in place of Nicholas Gadesbey deceased, the Commissioners are to enter him accordingly.

April 8. Barnstaple. 41. The Mayor of Barnstaple to the Council. Detention of the levies of soldiers for Ireland, to the number of 600, in consequence of the wind continuing cross. Requests an advance of 600*l.* on account of their expenses.

April 8. Aboard the Mary Rose. 42. Capt. Thomas Wilbraham to Buckingham. Bad usage of the English at Dunkirk. The Dunkirkers have ready ten ships and two pinnaces; with these they are to come into the Downs, with protestations that "they will not leave a ship of us."

April 9. Whitehall. Proclamation touching tobacco; forbidding any one to import, buy, sell, or use any tobacco which is not the growth of Virginia or of the Sommer Islands. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 6.]

April 9. Westminster. 43. The King to John Lord Ley, Lord Treasurer; George Duke of Buckingham; William Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain; Edward Lord Conway, Secretary of State; and Fulke Lord Brooke; or any three of them. Private commission requiring them to take into consideration certain articles concerning matters of State, and all other articles which they should thereafter receive from the King, and to report to him their advice thereon. The articles enumerated are the renewal of foreign alliances, and especially what form should be held with Spain, the proposed league with France, the recovery of the Palatinate, the treaty to be held at the Hague, the arming of the militia, and the employment of the navy.

April 9. 44. Copy of the above, attested by Sir Jos. Williamson.

April 9. 45. Another copy.

April 9. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. That no woods be felled or sold within the presidentship of Wales, till the Secretary be informed of the necessary use thereof. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 207.]

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April 9. London. 46. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton, English Ambassador at the Hague. Sir Henry Vane ready to be dispatched to the Queen of Bohemia. The writer needs not communicate the manner of King James's death. The Bishop of Winchester, whom the King called much after, was not present at his death, being ill of the stone and gout. The King's corpse was brought from Theobalds on Monday, to Denmark House. The King has removed to Whitehall. The Duke of Buckingham continues in wonted favour and greatness. Sir Walter Aston has arrived out of Spain. Proceedings in the Council. Various Court news, principally relating to preferments. Lord Coke, with his gloves on, kissed the King's hand, but whether he be confirmed or cashiered the writer cannot learn.

April 10. 47. Duke of Buckingham to Sir John Hippisley, Lieut. of Dover Castle. There being many men-of-war of Dunkirk already at sea, he is to cause the Assurance, of Dover, to repair into the Downs to reinforce his Majesty's ships now there. He is to press men, and borrow or take up powder or other munition. [*Copy.*]

April 10. 48. The same to Capt. Thos. Wilbraham. Has written to Sir John Hippisley to send the Assurance to reinforce the fleet in the Narrow Seas. Wilbraham is to ply up and down from the Downs to the Beachy, to stay all ships of the East India Company of the Netherlands, and to have an eye on the men-of-war of Dunkirk. [*Copy.*]

April 10. 49. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Cardigan to the Council. In obedience to the directions of their Lordships, and of William Earl of Northampton, "Lord Lieut. of Wales," they have levied within their county fifty men for service in Ireland.

April $\frac{11}{21}$. Brussels. 50. Petition of James Maitland to the King; an appeal to his Majesty's clemency. Amongst the considerations urged are, the many services done to the blessed Queen, His Majesty's grandmother, by the writer's father.

April 11. Dover Castle. 51. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. On Thursday, at farthest, the Assurance shall be in the Downs. Her supplies and ammunition obtained by Sir John on his own credit. The Dunkirkers have taken three ships. Gives the report of a Sandwich man who has come home from Dunkirk.

April 11. Liverpool. 52. Mayor of Liverpool to the Council. Gives account of great losses of soldiers and ships, wrecked on their passage to Ireland. Five barks lost, and only 194 men saved. Unless the King compassionates the town, it will be the utter overthrow of that poor Corporation.

April 11. Chester. 53. Mayor of Chester to the same. In obedience to their directions. he had provided six barks for carrying men, with arms and apparel, to Ireland; and on the 9th April, 550 soldiers were duly embarked. He had also made further provision of ships for conveyance of 200 shipwrecked soldiers from Anglesea, and of 300 more to supply the place of those shipped at Liverpool, and lost.

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April 13. Whitehall. Proclamation for the maintenance and increase of the mines of saltpetre, and the true making of gunpowder. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 7.]

April 13. 54. Heads of the above proclamation.

April 13. Whitehall. Proclamation prohibiting the importation of alum, and the buying and spending thereof in any of his Majesty's dominions. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 8.]

April 13. Longleat. 55. Sir Thos. Thynne to Sir Henry Ludlow. Solicits his vote and assistance in the forthcoming election for Wilts.

April 13. Winchester. 56. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Hants to the Council. They reply to a complaint made against them by the Corporation of Southampton, respecting the levying of men for his Majesty's service within that town, and sending them to Winchester to be impressed.

April 13. Westminster. 57. The King to Fulke Lord Brooke. Dispensing with his personal attendance in execution of his office of Secretary and Clerk of the Council and Signet in the Principality of Wales. [*Copy.*]

April 13. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Sir Edward Conway. The Duke reckons him for one of his. The restriction [upon Count Mansfeldt imposed by the late King] is dead. The King of Denmark will be complied with. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 208.]

[April 14.] 58. The King to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Oliver Viscount Grandison, Edward Lord Conway, and others. Constituting them a Council of War for securing Ireland, and putting the navy in readiness. [*Copy.*]

April 14. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare a grant to the Lord Danvers and Mr. Henry Osborne of the keeping of St. James's. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 209.]

April 14. 59. Propositions [in the hand-writing of Sir John Coke] for incorporating a company for defence and protection of the West Indies, and establishing a trade to the same; and for fitting out a fleet to attack the Spanish settlements.

April 15. 60. Statement by Mark Willes (?) of ill-treatment of himself and others by the Dunkirkers, and of the number of ships taken and plundered by them. [*Imperfect.*]

April 15. Whitehall. 61. Sec. Conway to Sir Robt. Heath, the Solicitor-General. To prepare a commission for the advancement of trade; with the names of the intended Commissioners.

April 15. Whitehall. 62. The same to the same. A book for the erection of a corporation in the co. of Hertford, for the better ordering of the manufacture of the New Draperies having been settled, His Majesty's pleasure is that other similar patents be made to several specified counties, and that for avoiding of charge they pass the Great Seal by immediate warrant.

April 15. Whitehall. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 209.]

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April 16. Inner Temple. 63. Attorney General Coventry to Sec. Conway. Desires him to make an amendment of "honors" for "manors" in the King's presence, in the Bill for the Lord President already signed.

April 16. Edmund Hall, Oxon. 64. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edward Nicholas. Has received no letter of late from him or his father. Very many are sick at Oxford, but not of the plague. Family details. Hopes he will not accompany the Duke if he should go Admiral of the Fleet. Urges him to solicit the Duke's interference with the Bishop of Salisbury to grant the writer a prebend in that Cathedral.

April 16. Dover. 65. Thos. Benson to the same. Has not been able to procure a copy of the warrant for the Combarons of the Cinque Ports [to carry the canopy at the Coronation]. If they do not appear, the Lord High Steward is to appoint for those who fail. [It is stated in a paper attached, that at a single Coronation there are only sixteen bearers of the canopy, but when a King and Queen are crowned there are thirty-two.] One Dunkin recommended for a place in Sandown Castle is content to be so far thankful to his captain as 20*l.* comes to. If the writer has to do in it, he shall reserve somewhat for Nicholas.

April 16. Guildhall. 66. Order of the Court of Common Council of the City of London, on a request by the Lord Treasurer of a loan to the King, for twelve months, of 60,000*l.* on interest at 8 per cent., to be secured by a mortgage of the King's best lands, which shall also secure 100,000*l.* lent to the late King. A committee appointed for raising the 60,000*l.* within the City.

April 17. London. 67. Sir Tobie Matthew to Sir Dudley Carleton. Writes by Sir Henry Vane. Congratulates Sir Dudley on his prospects of promotion in the Court of England. The King is well, active, resolute, and a friend of state and order in his Court. The Duke stands hugely high in the substantial part of the King's favour. Lord Conway, the greatest instrument in the despatch of business, and after the Duke the King hears no counsellors so gladly as the Lord Treasurer and the Lord Chamberlain. Sir Henry Vane lately received into the Duke's favour. He has long been well rooted in the King's heart, and has a world of great and fast friends at Court.

April 18. Plymouth. 68. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Certain Turks, Moors, and Dutchmen of Sallee, in Barbary, lie on our coasts, spoiling such as they are able to master. There are thirty sail of ships at Sallee preparing to come for the coasts of England. *Incloses,*

68. I. *Examination of Wm. Knight, detailing outrages committed by Barbary pirates off the English coasts.* 1625, *April* 18.

68. II. *Examination of Wm. Draper, as to seeing a bark at Flushing, French built, manned with Turks, Dutchmen, and one Blackamoor, which bark he believes to be the ship which committed the outrages deposed to by Wm. Knight.* 1625, *April* 18.

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April 18. Plymouth. 69. James Bagg to Buckingham. A Turkish pirate, who lies upon our coast, has this week taken a Dartmouth ship and three Cornish fisher boats, even in the mouth of the harbour. Bagg has dispatched the press to raise 250 men in Devon, and the Cornish number of 200 more. Sir John Eliot is displeased that he was not solely employed.

April 18. 70. Thos. Norton, Surveyor General of Highways and Passages, to the Council. Report on the reformation and amendment of the highways near London, and especially of those between London and Royston.

April 18. 71. Petition of Arthur Tyndall, and three others, to the Duke of Buckingham. They pray for release of a bark laden with merchandise, but stayed at Sandwich, by order of Sir John Hippisley, on pretence that lead, part of her cargo, is a prohibited commodity.

April 19. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To renew the commission and instructions for the Council in the North, according to a list sent. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 210.]

April 19. 72. George Margitts to Lord Treasurer Ley. A friend of the writer is in possession of a secret, which would bring into the revenue 2,000*l.* a week. With a P.S. by John Gilbert, offering to make good what his friend Mr. Margitts had stated.

April 20. 73. Thos. Earl of Kellie to Sec. Conway. The Earl recommends very earnestly the bearer, his near friend.

April 20. 74. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Having conferred with the Master Gunner of England, they certify that James Rawlinson is unworthy of the recommendation which has been given of him to Buckingham; they have therefore forborne to place him as Gunner of Bay Sconce, near Upnor Castle, which is a chief guard to his Majesty's Navy.

April 20. Westminster. 75. Warrant to pay 5,000*l.* to Theophilus Lord Walden, bestowed upon him by the late King. [*Copy.*]

April 21. Whitehall. 76. The Council to Buckingham. Three hundred mariners are to be pressed within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports. As the service is of great consequence the Council pray that the ablest mariners may be pressed and not loose and unskilful poor men.

April 21. 77. Abraham Vanderdort to the King. He sets forth a grant made to him by the King when Prince, of 40*l.* per annum, for life, as keeper of his medals and "limbed" pieces, and another grant of the like amount as maker of patterns for the gold and silver coinage, and prays that the two grants may be joined in one renewed grant, Underwritten is a memorandum that the petition was granted.

April 22. Plymouth. 78. Justices [illegible] of Devon to the Council. They have examined the complaint of Grisling and others of the town of Plymouth, of the misappropriation of money raised for redemption of captives from the Turks, and find it groundless; 250*l.* had been collected, which had all been paid away.

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April 22. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare a Privy Seal for passing to the Earl of Anglesea the 400*l.* land intended by the late King, and a grant of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 210.]

April 22. [Whitehall.] The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for granting a pension of 2,500*l.* a year to the Marquis Hamilton, as his father held the same out of the pretermitted customs. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 23. Chester. 79. Mayor of Chester to the Council. Has provided shipping and victuals for 550 soldiers, and urges the payment of his account. He has also pressed three barks for conveyance of 300 more, *Incloses,*

79. I. *Account of Peter Drinkwater, Mayor of Chester, of his disbursements for victualling and transporting* 550 *soldiers.*

April 23. London. 80. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. The Prince of Orange, nothing so much lamented as if he had died a year or two since. Spinola deemed the ablest man of our age. The young Duke of Lennox is sworn Gentleman of the Bedchamber. There is talk of a selected or Cabinet Council, whereto none are admitted but the Duke of Buckingham, the Lords Treasurer and Chamberlain, Lord Brooke, and Lord Conway. Lord of Leppington has a grant of 500*l.* a year, of the King's land; Sir Francis Cottington 200*l.* per annum. The plague exceeds not 20 or 25 a week, but the apprehension is more than usual. The King has borrowed 60,000*l.* from the City. On Thursday, he gave audience to a Chiaus of Algiers, who brought a present of Barbary horses, tigers, and lions. Duchess of Richmond removed from Ely Place to Exeter House, with great pomp. She is to pay 300*l.* a year for it. The King's marriage is to be celebrated to-morrow. News of Court appointments. Death of Dr. Richardson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Verses of the Dean of St. Paul's, on the death of the Marquis Hamilton.

April 23. Westminster. 81. The King to Lord Treasurer Ley, Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Lawrence Tanfield, Chief Baron, and Sir Edwd. Bromley, and Sir John Denham, two others of the Barons of the Exchequer, with the Judges of the Common Pleas, and Attorney General Coventry. Commission to take such courses as they shall think fit for the prevention of frauds in the collection of the customs and subsidies for goods imported and exported. [*Copy.*]

April 24. 82. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. States what is necessary to be done in order to get Sir Dudley's allowance for blacks. Reports the delivery of various letters. Some 3 or 4 days since an Ambassador from Algiers was with the King to deliver his letters of credence, but stayed not. To-morrow or next day, an Ambassador is expected out of France. The contract is to be signed on the 28th, the publication to be on the 30th, the espousals on the 1st May, and on the 5th the Lady begins her journey. Both the Queens accompany her to the sea-side.

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April 24. The Hague. 83. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. Lord Conway, though desirous to pleasure Sir Dudley with a burgesship, gave small hope, and put Sir Francis off upon the Lord Chamberlain, who says that he has two Privy Councillors newly put upon him, else he could have seated Sir Dudley at first hand, as he hopes he shall do at the second on some double return. Sir Francis has entreated the Lord Chamberlain's Secretary, Mr. Holesworth, to be Sir Dudley's solicitor during Sir Francis's absence.

April 25. Plymouth. 84. James Bagg to Nicholas. Recommends Mr. Plumleigh for command of one of the colliers, in the intended sea expedition.

April 25. 85. John Gilbert to Lord Treasurer Ley. Suggestions for improving the revenue by making a benefit of the money of the kingdom, over and above the coinage, to the extent of 6*d.* for every oz. of silver coined, the pieces being made so much the lighter.

April 26. May 6. 86. Notarial attestation of the publication of letters testimonial, whereby it appeared that Richard Smith, elected and confirmed Bishop of Chalcedon, had been duly consecrated Bishop of that See; and also similar attestation of the publication of a brief of Pope Urban VIII., whereby the same Richard Smith was sent to the kingdoms of England and Scotland, in quality of a Bishop. [*Copy. Latin.*]

April 26. 87. Estimate of the expense of victuals thought meet to serve 10,000 soldiers for six months (18,780*l.*); with opinion of Committee of the Council in approbation of the same.

April 27. 88. Justices of Buckinghamshire to Sec. Conway. They certify with reference to the claim of Jane Lancaster, relict of William Lancaster, Serjeant of his Majesty's Accatry, against several persons in the co. of Buckingham, that their authority to investigate the same ceased on the late King's death.

April 27. [Whitehall.] Sec. Conway to Eliza Lady Hatton. To choose Commissioners to treat with others to be named by the Duchess of Richmond for accommodating their differences. ["Not delivered" is written against entry of this letter.] [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 210.]

April 27. [Whitehall.] The same to Frances Duchess Dowager of Richmond. Signifying the King's pleasure upon this point. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 27. [Whitehall.] The same to Eliza Lady Hatton. Sending her into the country a note of the Commissioners named by the Duchess of Richmond. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 211.]

April 28. [Whitehall.] The same to Frances Duchess Dowager of Richmond. Upon the same subject. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 28. Ham. 89. John Earl of Holderness to Sec. Conway. Sends a letter of the Earl of Annandale, written by command of the late King, to be communicated to his present Majesty. [It may be inferred from the indorsement, that the letter related to the joining Edwd. Ramsey with Lord Wallingford in the patent for the Holt.]

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[April 28.] 90. Sir John Coke to John Earl of Clare, Sir Thos. Savage, and Sir Thos. Edmondes. The King has appointed them, with himself, to be mediators in a controversy between the Duchess of Richmond and Lady Hatton, concerning Ely House.

April 29. Whittlesey. 91. Eliza Lady Hatton to Sec. Conway. Will ever obey his Majesty's least command, but is unable to attend Lord Conway, being ill of the gout. His Majesty is wrong informed in the cause, or he would not think it fit for an arbitration. The Duchess must stay Lady Hatton's time of sickness.

April 29. 92. Sir Wm. Paddy to the same. Recommends Robert King (son of the late Dr. King, Bishop of London,) for a Captain's place in the land service amongst those shortly going to sea, God knoweth whither. Mr. King served under Lord Conway's son in the Low Countries.

April 30. Chester. 93. Sir Thos. Chamberlayne and Marmaduke Lloyd, Justices of Chester, to the same. They have taken examinations of the notorious affronts offered by Edwd. Frodsham, Wm. Steele, and others, to Sir Henry Bunbury and Mr. Byrom, in the execution of their offices as Justices of Peace, which appeared to be so exorbitant, that they had sentenced the same in a high course of justice, and thought good to advertise his Lordship.

April 30. Scilly. 94. Jo. Godolphin to Sir Francis Godolphin, Governor of the Scilly Islands. Two ships of Sallee, one carrying 32 guns, had been seen on the coast of Biscay; these and 20 others are coming to rove about the West parts of England. A bark of Plymouth, chased by a Turkish man-of-war, ran into St. Mary's Road.

April 30. Westminster. 95. The King to the Commissioners of Customs. Warrant to allow Capt. Wm. Hawkridge to transport 200*l.* in foreign coin, for service on a voyage for discovery of the North-west Passage, in which the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Warwick, and others, are Adventurers. [*Copy.*]

April 30. 96. Estimate of the charge (3,068*l.* 10*s.*) for fitting out the Vanguard for special service for six months.

[April ?] 97. Proposal for issuing a commmission for the recovery of recognizances forfeited for non-appearance at the Sessions in the City of London, and such issues forfeited by jurors as are not recoverable under the grant lately renewed to Sir William Bruncker.

[April ?] 98. List of standards and banners to be carried at the funeral of King James; with names of eminent men for employment on that day.

[April ?] 99. Another list of banners and standards to be carried at the funeral; with names of persons to carry the same.

[April ?] 100. List of Knights to carry the bannerolls at the funeral of King James; with the supporters and assistants to King Charles as chief mourner, and also to the corpse.

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[April ?] 101. William Earl of Pembroke to William Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Wardrobe. Warrant to deliver to Sir William Segar, Garter, a chair of black velvet for the Master of the Horse, a pall of cloth of tissue lined with purple satin, and other articles, to be used at the funeral. [*Copy.*]

[April ?] 102. Memorandum of what persons ought to have mourning given to them.

[April ?] 103. Petition of John Wood to the Commissioners for his late Majesty's funeral; prays to be admitted a mourner amongst the poor almsmen.

[April ?] 104. Petition of his Majesty's gunners in ordinary to Henry Viscount Mandeville, President of the Council, and the rest of the Commissioners for the funeral. They pray that as they had allowance of reds at the coronation of their deceased master, they may now, at his funeral, have allowance of blacks.

[April ?] 105. Hugh Warden, Sampson Calvert, and Henry Brenning, servants of the late Queen Anne, to the Commissioners for the King's funeral, for mourning clothes, "so much as appears by a precedent for the late Queen."

[April ?] 106. Petition of nine Grooms of the late Queen's Chamber to the Commissioners for the late King's funeral. They pray that they may have such mourning clothes as their fellows his late Majesty's servants.

[April ?] 107. Copy of the preceding, with some omissions.

[April ?] 108. Petition of Henry Russell, sworn drummer extraordinary, to the Commissioners for the funeral; prays that he may have black cloth as the rest of his fellows shall have.

[April ?] 109. Petition of Robert Wood, John Wood, and two others, Keepers of his Majesty's cormorants, to the Commissioners for the funeral; pray that they may have mourning weeds.

[April ?] 110. Petition of Edward Heyne, executor of Thos. Heyne, Robt. Angell, Richard Stickland, and Jackman his wife, to the King. A judgment having been given in the Court of Common Pleas, and affirmed in the King's Bench, on a writ of error, the petitioners allege that there is error in the said judgment, which can only be redressed in Parliament; and they therefore pray that Lord Chief Justice Crewe may be commanded to bring the record of the said judgment into Parliament, according to the law and custom of the realm. The petition is certified by Humphrey Davenport, and is answered, "CHARLES R. *Fiat justicia.*" [*Copy.*]

[April ?] 111. "A note of instruction to Mr. Wyld, my Lord Conway's secretary, for informing his Lordship of the true estate of the parsonage of Wigan, whereof Sir Richard Fleetwood, Baron of Newton, and his assigns, are the true original patrons by inheritance." The object of the paper is to procure a renewed grant of the advowson to Sir Richard Fleetwood, a former grant having been stayed at the Great Seal by the death of the late King.

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[April ?] 112. The Duke of Buckingham to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. To issue letters of marque or reprisal against ships and goods of the King of Spain and his subjects. [This is a form signed by Buckingham in blank. On the blank pages are written, in the hand of Nicholas, a draft of parts of a letter addressed to the collector of some levy, perhaps ship money, urging him to diligence, and condemning his having assessed the tax upon cottagers and other persons without means.]

[April ?] 113. Another similar form, signed by Buckingham.

[April ?] 114. Petition of Edward Cotton, Archdeacon of Totness, Canon Residentiary of Exeter Cathedral, and one of the Commissioners of Subsidies, to the Council. Certifies that Wm. Peryman, Master of the High School at Exeter, having been assessed to the first payment of the three subsidies granted by the last Parliament, was declared exempt at the Assizes by the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Justice Hutton; notwithstanding which decision, the Aldermen have rated him to the second payment.

[April ?] 115. Notes by Sir John Coke, intended for Mr. Lieutenant, [of the Tower, Sir Allen Apsley], of the victuals necessary for 10,000 men for 168 days, founded on the allowances made by Sir Walter Raleigh and on the Earl of Essex's expedition to Cadiz.

[April ?] 116. Petition of George Kirk to the King; served King James from his infancy to his death, as one of the Grooms of his Bedchamber, and afterwards as one of the Gentlemen of the Robes, for which last office he had 500*l.* a year. Prays that he may be continued.

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May 1. Westminster. 1. The King to Lord Keeper Williams. His Majesty has been moved, in contemplation of his marriage with the Lady Marie, sister of the King of France, to grant to his Roman Catholic subjects a cessation of all pains and penalties by reason of their recusancy. His will is, that the Lord Keeper should give warrant and direction to all Judges and other officers to forbear all manner of proceedings against his Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects. [*Draft.*]

May 1. 2. Copy of the same, with alterations.

May 1. 3. Another copy, with other alterations.

May 1. 4. Another copy, signed by the King, to the same effect as the preceding, but with further alterations.

May 1. 5. Minute of the above.

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May 1. 6. The King to Lord Treasurer Ley. Desires him to take knowledge of monies paid since Trinity Term last, or which shall thereafter be paid into the Exchequer, on account of recusants' lands and goods, and to issue Privy Seals for the same to John Middlemore and Richard Forster for the King's secret service. [*Draft.*]

May 2. Arwenack. 7. Sir John Killigrew to Buckingham. On his return from London, Sir John found a vessel in that harbour in search of Campaine, and bearing his pardon from the States of Holland. Sir John has, therefore, sent a man to Ireland to treat with him to come to England. He charges Bonython with corruption, and suspects Bagg. If the Duke will empower him, he is ready to dedicate his life and fortune to obey his Grace's commands.

May 2. 8. Petition of Sir Peter Vanlore to the King. Queen Elizabeth granted the lordship of Tunbridge, part of the possessions of the Duke of Northumberland, to Henry Lord Hunsdon, who had certain allowances made to him at the Exchequer under the authority of his grant; Sir Peter having purchased the lordship, those allowances are now questioned. He prays that he may have a grant thereof. [The petition referred to the Attorney General.]

May 2. London. 9. Sir John Ogle to Sir Dudley Carleton. Appointments obtained for officers in Sir John's regiment in the Low Countries in the expedition now on foot in England. Is a counsellor of war in good earnest, having that day taken the oaths with very honourable company. Purposes never to be wanting in affection to perform his duty. Sir Dudley will find things so handsomely ordered in the King's Household, that there will not be much left to his further pains as Vice-Chamberlain.

May 2. Whitehall. Proclamation concerning buildings and inmates within the City of London and its confines, prohibiting all buildings save on old foundations, and prescribing the character of future buildings and the qualities of building materials. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 9.]

May 2. 10. Petition of Samuel Pauson, Archibald Niccols, and other English and Scottish merchants to the King. Having sustained spoils and injuries from the Dunkirkers, they desire authority to detain and seize any ships or goods belonging to the King of Spain's subjects in the Netherlands.

May 2. Dover. 11. Examinations of Richard Staple and others, watchmen at Margate, concerning a boat, supposed to belong to a Dunkirker, which came to the pier of that place, and the men in the boat being challenged, uttered certain indecent and scurrilous words against his Majesty.

May 2. 12. Copy of the same.

May 2. 13. Appointment by Robert Johnson, Archdeacon of Leicester, of Sir John Lambe, John Owen, John Towers, and Robert Sibthorpe, as his proxies on the meeting of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, May 18, 1625.

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May 3. Amesbury. 14. William Earl of Hertford to Buckingham; intreating his favour and help with the King. When the Earl last conferred with the Duke he received this answer, that if he would renounce the King's favour, he should have the benefit of his laws. In the law, the Earl cannot go farther than his grandfather did, who had a verdict on his side, but that verdict was suddenly stopped. He prays, therefore, that, with his Majesty's liking, he may plead his own right or, by his special favour, may be preserved from a troublesome suit. When all honest hearts have such cause of rejoicing, he alone is forced to hide himself.

May 3. Inner Temple. 15. Attorney General Coventry to Sec. Conway. Sends Commission for the Lord President and Council of the North. Sir Arthur Ingram has been left out by the King's command, although not expressed in the docquet.

May 3. Bramshill Park. 16. Edward Lord Zouch, of Haryngworth, to Buckingham. He has not meddled in anything concerning the Cinque Ports since he submitted the interest he had to his Grace. Hearing of his Grace's employment, [*i.e.*, his mission to France], and that he would take Dover in his way, he recommends Mr. Reading, minister of St. Mary's Church in Dover, and late servant to King James, as a man worthy of his Grace's countenance and encouragement.

May 4. 17. George Margitts to Lord Treasurer Ley. The suggestion made to his Lordship by Mr. Gilbert was drawn up by the writer. The officers of the Mint should not be made acquainted therewith. Gilbert will submit to be punished with death, if he wrongs the trust reposed in him. The King's right to buy up foreign coin brought into the kingdom.

[May 4 ?] 18. Queries submitted to the Lord Treasurer on an account of 20,289*l.* 6*s.* 9½*d.*, rendered by the Master Workers of the Mint; a further account should be called for by the Lord Treasurer of 830*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, paid to Edward Greene, a graver.

May 4. 19. High Sheriff and Justices of Berks to the Council. Sir Richard Lydall, in a rebellious manner, holds possession of a messuage and lands in Sonning, so that the Sheriff cannot deliver the same to Sir Peter Vanlore, as directed by his Majesty's writ, without great danger and certain loss of many men's lives.

May 4. 20. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Andrew Dickson having petitioned for 1,000*l.*, for building the Great Neptune, the Commissioners report, that on a reference to the Trinity House, his demands have been considerably reduced. If there be any large sum due to him, it will not be possible to pay the amount out of the 3,540*l.* to be received from the French, which is all forestalled already.

May 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a grant to Andrew Pitcairn of the place of Master of the Hawks. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 212.]

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May 4. Staple Inn. 21. Francis Morice to Sec. Conway. He recapitulates his past services, and desires that he may be permitted to hold his place under the Council of War, and not be thrust out with disgrace.

May 4. Westminster. 22. Grant of pardon to John Percy clerk, Henry Hopkins, Rich. Bapthorpe clerk, Brian Medcalfe clerk, Thos. Mushe, Thos. Cudworth, Christopher Ibbotson, Wm. Brookesby clerk, Christopher Clough, Tobie Clay, Rich. Robinson clerk, Edw. Ditchfeild clerk, John Melling, Wm. Naylor, Jas. Eckersall, Rich. Whalley, Lawrence Langshawe, Rich. Sharrock, Rich. Gill and Wm. Berry, for offences against the statutes of recusancy. [*Copy. Latin.*]

May 5. 23. Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Admiralty, to Buckingham. The Elizabeth, of Newcastle, has been taken by Dunkirkers, near Yarmouth; the ship has been carried to Dunkirk as a prize, and the crew pillaged of their money and clothes. Total loss, 1,310*l.*

May 5. 24. Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal, to his servants, Henry Walker, John Cox, and Richard James. Licence to erect scaffolds within the Tilt-yard, for the solemnity of the funeral of King James. [*Copy.*]

May 6. Westminster. 25. The King to the Duke of Buckingham, the Lord Treasurer, the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, Viscount Grandison, Sec. Conway, Lords Carew and Brooke, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir John Suckling, Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Rich. Weston, and Sir Humphrey May. Overtures have been made for settling a commerce with Persia, but the trade has not increased by reason of differences amongst the merchants of the East India Company; the persons addressed are to examine the matter and report to the King, who is desirous to give encouragement to that trade.

May 6. Doctors' Commons 26. Sir Henry Marten to Buckingham. A ship of one White, and other pirates, having been brought into Weymouth, had been seized and condemned for the use of his Grace. The Mayor of Weymouth is recommended as a commissioner for disposing of the ship to the best advantage.

May 6. London. 27. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. The great funeral appointed for Tuesday next had been abridged. It should have taken place yesterday, but had been put off until the morrow. The *fiancelles* between the King and Henrietta Maria were performed on Thursday last, and the marriage on Sunday; the bride is to set out on Thursday next. The King of France brings her to Amiens, the Queen Regnant and the Queen Mother to Boulogne, where it is thought the King will receive her at their hands. Great preparation for shows and pageants. The coronation will not be until October. Progress of the plague. Parliament holds for the 27th inst. Mr. Comptroller defeated in Middlesex, Sir Edwin Sandys in Kent, and Sir Henry Wotton at Canterbury. Pensions granted; doubts of the King's good husbandry; Buckingham's continued favour; Sir Thomas Glover's sudden death, with other Court news.

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May 7. 28. Order of procession of the funeral of King James from Denmark House to the Abbey of Westminster, upon Thursday, May 5, 1625. [May 7 was the day on which the funeral took place.] [*Incomplete.*]

May 7. 29. A copy of the same, more complete than the preceding.

May 7. 30. Inscriptions and devices on the hearse of the late King.

May 7. 31. The manner of the offering at the funeral of the late King.

May 7. 32. The style of the late King, as proclaimed at his funeral.

May 7. St. Ives. 33. John Trewinnard to Sec. Conway [addressed as "Sir Edward"]. Begs to be taken into his service. The Turks are upon our coasts. They take ships only to take the men to make slaves of them; 18 men taken out of one ship, 16 out of another; 30 sail of them abroad, out of Sallee, a new rendezvous.

May 7. 34. Hamon le Strange to the Council. Difficulties in obeying their directions to press 250 mariners in Norfolk.

May 7. 35. List of attendants of his Grace [of Buckingham] who are to receive mourning at the funeral of King James; with the quantities of cloth allowed for him and them.

May 7. Plymouth. 36. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Incloses an examination, from which it will be perceived what spoil the Turks and Moors of Sallee daily do on the English coasts. *Incloses,*

36. 1. *Examination of Wm. Court. He had been taken by pirates, and had been kept in slavery at Sallee. He gives account of recent captures of English and French vessels made by Turks and Moors off Scilly.*

May 8. Whitehall. 37. George Duke of Buckingham to John Pennington, Captain of the Vanguard, and the Captains of the seven merchant ships appointed for the service of the French King. They are to call their companies aboard, to proceed to such port in France as the French Ambassador shall direct, and there to put themselves under the orders of the Admiral of the French fleet.

May 8. 38. Draft of the above.

May 9. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw no grant to the city of Norwich of mills, &c., until they have compounded with Mr. Robert Hay, according to a former direction. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 212.]

May 9. 39. Account of Sir Lewes Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, for money disbursed for coaches and attendances; first, upon the Marquis d'Effiat, and afterwards, upon the Count de Tremes, Ambassadors Extraordinary from the King of France; total 222*l.* The service extended from April 22 to this day.

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May. 10. Whitehall. 40. The Council to Buckingham. To cause a general Muster to be taken of the Trained Bands of the Cinque Ports, and to have the men ready for service. He is to give an account of his proceedings, returning the names of all defaulters. The beacons to be kept in repair.

May 10. 41. Copy of the above.

May 10. Westminster. 42. The King to Jus[tices of co. Buckingham]. With reference to the case of the widow Lancaster [*see April* 27, 1625]; the persons addressed are to take order for her satisfaction; certifying the names of defaulters. [*Copy.*]

May 10. Chiswick. 43. Francis Lord Russell to Sec. Conway. Pimble, a post-master at Charing Cross, has refused to convey a packet containing a letter from his Majesty, with the writer's directions to the Dep. Lieuts. of Devon to act thereon, by pressing 400 men, and to have them ready on the 25th inst.

May 10. 44. Remembrances for his Grace [of Buckingham] concerning a ship in the road off Weymouth, lately from St. Lucar, and suspected to be bound for Dunkirk; also a minute of a letter written by the Mayor of Weymouth to his brother, W. Michell, (May 8, 1625,) respecting Mr. Pace's ship which had put into Weymouth. The master intends to put his treasure on shore.

May 10. Dover Castle. 45. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. The Hollanders have beaten a ship of Dunkirk into Margate. He had stayed the ship and crew (100 men) until further orders. The captain is the man who has taken most of the English ships in those parts.

May 11. Star Chamber. 46. Order of the Council for the Solicitor General to prepare a bill for the King's signature, granting a protection to Sir Nicholas Salter for six months, in regard to the debts for which he stood engaged as surety for the agents of gold and silver thread.

[May 11.] 47. List of debts which Sir Nicholas Salter has already paid, amounting to 26,803*l.*; amongst them, "Elizabeth Hamden, 550*l.*"

May 11. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Geo. Lord Carew, Master-General of the Ordnance. To suffer 40 demy-culverins to be transported for the service of the French King. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 212.]

May 11. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 48. Mayor of Weymouth to Buckingham. The ship from Spain had been stayed, and three chests of plate had been taken out of it by the Customer and Comptroller of that place, before the arrival of Buckingham's letters. They are contented to deliver those chests into the custody of the Mayor, with the licence whereby they were embarked, which was found with them.

May 12. 49. Commissioners of the Navy to Peter Bucke, Clerk of the Check at Chatham. To enter Paul Vivian cook of the St. George.

May 12. Cromer. 50. Robt. Gaddye to the Council. The number of sailors ordered to be pressed in the county of Norfolk could not be obtained, but all who were at home had been brought to Cromer that day, and had been there pressed.

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May 12. Drury Lane. 51. Sir Lewes Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. Explains his conduct with reference to the Venetian Ambassador's complaint against him. He attended the Ambassadors a great part of the way, but being exceedingly ill, they would not suffer him to go any further.

May 12. 52. Copy of the same.

May 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. For 260*l.* for the musicians who are to go into Kent for the reception of the Queen. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 212.]

May 13. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare a proclamation prohibiting resort to the Court to be healed of the King's Evil, before Michaelmas. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 13. Whitehall. Proclamation for settling the plantation of Virginia. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 10.]

May 13. Philpot Lane. 53. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. He is informed by Mr. Burlamachi that two ships of Hamburgh have landed at Dover and Sandwich 14 chests of sword blades, to be carried into Spain. Suggests that the ships and goods should be stayed.

May 13. Dover Castle. 54. Sir John Hippisley to [Sec. Conway]. He will be glad to hear of the Duke's safe landing on the other side of the sea. "He was over in four hours, and never sick at all, but my Lord of Montgomery was very sick." The Hollanders have taken one of the four great ships that were rescued in the Downs last year; and there are in Dover some 80 of the men brought ashore by boats of Deal, the ship having been driven on the Goodwins.

May 14. Whitehall. Proclamation regulating the prices of victuals within the verge of the Court. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 11.]

May 14. London. 55. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. The great funeral took place on the 7th of this month, the greatest ever known in England; blacks were given to 9,000 persons. Inigo Jones did his part in fashioning the hearse. The King was chief mourner. The Lord Keeper's sermon, two hours. The charge about 50,000*l.* The plague spreads. The Parliament is in suspense. The fleet is in good forwardness, and "we are pressing 10,000 men for the land service." *Incloses,*

55. 1. *Epitaph on the late King supposed to be written by Sir Isaac Wake.*

May 14. Whitehall. 56. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. He is to prepare a grant to Lord Compton to be Master of the Robes, in the same form as the same office was held by the Earl of Carlisle.

May 14. Whitehall. Minute of the above letter, with the following memorandum, "This passed not, there being no precedent found." [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 212.]

May 14. The Savoy. 57. Nicholas to Sir Geo. Newman, Judge of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports. Theophilus Wright having incurred great loss by the Dunkirkers, Sir George Newman is requested to give him lawful assistance by stay of goods of Dunkirk merchants at Dover.

May 14. Dover. 58. Report of the arrival at Dover of the Blessing, of Burnt Island, Capt. Watson, bound for St. Lucar with a lading from Rotterdam.

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May 15. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 59. Mayor of Weymouth to Sec. Conway. In obedience to the Lord Admiral's warrant, he had made stay of the Orange Tree from St. Lucar. *Incloses,*

59. I. *A note of such goods as were laden on board the same ship at St. Lucar.*

May 15. Rotherfield. 60. R. Norton to the same. Two constables of the Hundred of Alton, having been commanded to appear before Lord Conway on the complaint of a person sent on the King's service into the Wight, the writer certifies that the error they committed was one of ignorance.

May 15. Whitehall. Proclamation for restraint of disorders in soldiers pressed for his Majesty's service. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 12.]

May 16. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney-General Coventry. To prepare six several grants of 500*l.* pension to the Grooms of the Bedchamber, viz., Thomas Caril, James Leviston, Andrew Pitcairn, George Kirke, William Murray, and Endymion Porter. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 213.]

[May 16.] 61. John Earl of Holderness to Sec. Conway. Minute of the King's pleasure that Lord Conway should direct the Solicitor General to receive Lord Wallingford's surrender of the Holt forest, and draw up a re-grant of the same to the use of the Earl for the lives of Lord Wallingford and Edward Ramsey, one of his Majesty's Gentlemen Sewers in Ordinary.

May 16. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a grant of the keeping of Holt Forest to Edward Ramsey, for the use of the Earl of Holderness and Lord Wallingford, the latter of whom is to surrender a present grant. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 213.]

May 16. 62. A Note of such Lords and Ladies as are to attend the King to Dover for the reception of the Queen.

May 16. 63. Another list, differing from the preceding.

May 16. Inner Temple. 64. Attorney General Coventry to Sec. Conway. Mr. Henry Osborne, being under 14 years of age, cannot hold the offices at St. James's proposed to be granted to him and Lord Danvers; it is suggested to make Lord Danvers and his brother [Sir John Danvers] patentees, for the lives of his Lordship and Mr. Osborne.

[May 16.] 65. Note of businesses to be brought before the Council [by Sec. Conway]. 10,000 men being appointed to rendezvous at Plymouth on the 25th inst., Sir John Ogle should be sent to receive them; what letters he should have, and how the troops should be paid. Sir John should have 40*s.* *per diem* for this service. Capt. Courtney should be sent to carry over 2,000 men from Hull to the Low Countries in order to exchange them there for disciplined men.

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[May 16.] 66. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to Sec. Conway. Had received letters for levying 350 soldiers in the counties of Oxford and Berks. The service can hardly be effected by the 25th inst. Desires to know when the Captains will be at Plymouth to receive the men. The counties are to pay only for their march to that place, and if the men are not at once delivered over, the Captains will have no further pay to give them.

May 16. King's Lynn. 67. Mayor of King's Lynn to the Council. 100 mariners had been impressed for the fleet now going to sea; 70 in Lynn, and 30 in Wells.

May 17. 68. Dep. Lieuts. of cos. Chester and Lancaster to the Council; praying for a longer time for the delivery at Portsmouth of the soldiers required for His Majesty's service.

May 17. Canterbury. 69. Sir Geo. Newman to Sir John Hippisley. Requesting him to grant Theophilus Wright and his partners an attachment for stay of goods belonging to Dunkirkers at Dover.

May 17. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir John Coke. Shipping to be thought of to transport the 2,000 men from Hull, and a man-of-war as a convoy; with a computation of the charge for my Lord Treasurer. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 213.]

May 17. Whitehall. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. Sending estimates, and representing particularly the charge of the troops at Plymouth, and those to be sent from Hull, so that monies may be presently furnished and shipping be provided at Hull. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 17. Whitehall. Proclamation for restraint of disorderly and unnecessary resort to the Court. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 13.]

May 17. 70. Names of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses about to come to the Parliament to be holden at Westminster this day. [*Latin.*]

May 17. 71. Account of Sir Lewes Lewkenor for coach-hire for the Marquis d'Effiat, and other Ambassadors Extraordinary (85*l.*) *Inclosing,*

71. 1. *A particular account of the charges above-mentioned, certified by the Duke of Buckingham; and, underwritten, a note by Richard Graham, Master of the Horse to the Duke of Buckingham, that it is his Lord's desire and pleasure that that Bill should be passed.*

May 17. 72. Return of the names and descriptions of 50 men levied in the County of Rutland for the King's service beyond seas, and delivered to Thos. Tayler to be conducted to Plymouth.

May 18. Star Chamber. 73. Order of Council referring to the Farmers of the Customs in London, a petition of English merchants residing in London, which prayed that the tax paid by them for the suppression of the pirates of Algiers and Tunis might now cease.

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May 18. Whitehall. 74. Sir John Coke to Capt. John Pennington, Admiral of the English ships employed in the service of the French King. Sir John has been directed to inform Capt. Pennington, that no clauses in the instructions given by the Lord Admiral, nor in the contract between the French Ambassador and the Commissioners of the Navy, are to be strained to engage him, or the ships and companies under his command, in the civil wars of the French. He is to serve the French King against foreign enemies; to insist upon the conjunction of the United Provinces in the service; and to communicate with their Admiral as to his intentions and councils.

May 18. Return of the names and residences of 200 men levied in Essex and delivered to John Sewell, to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 1.]

May 19. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 75. Mayor and Bailiff of Weymouth to the Council. The order for the stay of a certain ship had been executed. Sallee men-of-war are so ordinarily lying at the Land's End, that our shipping dare not pass. They use their captives worse than they were wont to be used at Algiers.

May 19. 76. Sir Lewes Lewkenor's account for hire of carriages for the French Ambassadors Extraordinary, from 9th to 19th May, 1625, (219*l.* 10*s.*)

[May 19.] Arwenack. 77. Sir John Killigrew to Sir Thomas Savage. The Duke of Buckingham had been deprived of a ship laden with goods of the value of 3,000*l.*, by the negligence or fraud of Mr. Bagg and Capt. Bonython, and in spite of notice given to Mr. Bagg by the writer.

May 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sec. Morton. The French King's sickness and delay of the Queen's journey are very prejudicial. Account of the marching of men towards Plymouth and Hull, and the directions given for receiving them. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 213.]

May 20. Whitehall. The same to Buckingham. Sec. Morton's instructions shall be dispatched for the Low Countries. Directions given concerning the troops at Plymouth and Hull, referring some things to Secretary Morton. The Lord Chamberlain's readiness. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 20. The same to Sir Thomas Smith, recommending the petition of Anderson and Galenby. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 20. 78. Account of Gilbert Raleigh, Dep. Vice Admiral of Dorset, of the proceeds of a ship called the Palacra, and of goods sold out of the Orange Tree. The account extends from the 20th July, 1623, to the date in the margin.

May 21. Whitehall. 79. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To renew the instructions for the Council in the North, according to the former instructions and the schedule inclosed *Incloses,*

79. I. *Schedule of such names as his Majesty is pleased shall be of the Council in the North.*

May 21. Minute of the preceding letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 214.]

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May 21. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To renew the grant of Steward of Richmond to Lord Scrope. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 213.]

May 21. Whitehall. The same to the same. To draw a grant of the office of Chamberlain of the Exchequer to Sir Edward Bush on Sir Nicholas Fortescue's resignation. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 214.]

May 21. Whitehall. The same to Sir John Hippisley. To discharge a Scottish ship which he had pressed for the King's service. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 21. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a grant of the keeping of the Wardrobe and the under-keepership of Denmark House to Robert Browne. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 21. London. 80. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. Rumours that our side [in the war of the Palatinate] has received a great blow, in which Sir Thomas Winn, Sir Walter Devereux, and others are killed. Parliament prorogued until the 31st. If the sickness increase, the Parliament and term may be removed to Oxford or Winchester. The late King's funeral sermon is come forth. The Earl of Middlesex has retired to Copt Hall, having compounded for his fine with 5,000*l.*, his farm of sugar, and his house at Chelsea. New Knights of the Garter. Noble entertainment of Buckingham in Paris. The Queen is on her way. The King goes to Canterbury to meet her on the 27th.

May 21. 81. Justices of Middlesex to the Council. Francis Dirdoe, having contested the validity of a rate for maintenance of the House of Correction, and stirred up the county to a general opposition, it is requested that he may be called before the Council, and examined by whose counsel or direction he was acting.

May 21. Return of the names of 200 footmen levied in co. Buckingham, and delivered to Michael Michell, to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* XV., *No.* 2.]

May 21. Yarmouth. 82. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Council. They have received letters for the supply of 250 mariners for his Majesty's fleet, but are unable to accomplish that number, most of the seamen of that town being now on their voyages, and specially in the North Seas or to Iceland.

May 21. Return of the names and residences of 100 footmen, levied in the West division of co. Northampton, and delivered to Richard Oseley, to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* XV., *No.* 3.]

May 22. 83. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Conway, by the title of Lord Raggley. Has received his letter directed to him, or in his absence to his Lieutenant, authorising the latter to have gone away with the fleet, if he had not been present. Accounts for his time since he received his orders. He arrived at Deal yesterday, but the weather is so foul he cannot get aboard his ship. The Great Neptune not fully manned; his own ship not completely provisioned; besides, he had the King's command, from Sir John Coke, to detract the time as much as he could for the wafting over of the Queen. He could not depart without a discharge of that command.

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May 23. Westminster. 84. The King to the Mayor of Plymouth, Sir John Ogle and others. Commission authorizing them to execute martial law during the rendezvous of the troops at Plymouth. [*Copy.*]

May 23. 85. Account of disbursements in setting forth 100 foot out of the West division, co. Northampton, (193*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*)

May 23. On board the Great Neptune, below Gravesend. 86. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sec. Conway. He replies to complaints of the French Ambassador. In attempting to come down with more haste than good speed his ship grounded, and since has been detained by the wind, which the Ambassador seems to think rather Gorges' fault than God's providence.

May 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir William St. Leger. The ordering of 8,000 men to go to Plymouth, and 2,000 to Hull to be exchanged from the Low Countries. Burlamachi has order for money. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 214.]

May 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for a warrant for 200*l.* for Sir Lewis Lewkenor for hire of coaches to be employed to Dover. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Edward Cecil. Letter of ceremony; referring the rest to Sir William St. Leger. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 24. Whitehall. 87. Order of Council for proclamation by sound of drum on board the King's ships, that all masters, pursers, boatswains, and other officers are to attend aboard their ships for taking in provisions, and that they cause their companies to give like diligent attendance. All pressed men absenting themselves to be committed to the next prison. [*Printed.*]

May 24. Whitehall. 88. Questions submitted to the Council by Capt. Wm. Courteney, concerning the 2,000 men to be by him transported into the Low Countries; with their Lordships' answers and instructions thereupon. [*Copy.*]

May 25. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Dudley Carleton. To move Mr. Hopton to change his employment under Mansfeldt and to go with the fleet. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 214.]

May 25. The same to Sir Edward Cecil. To the same purpose. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 25. Whitehall. The same to Sir John Ogle. Recommending Capt. Meautys to have the command of a company. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 25. The same to Sec. Morton. The daily charge for the Duke de Chevreuse, estimated at 200*l.* a day. The businesses of Denmark and the fleet depend much on the moneys from France. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 215.]

May 25. Whitehall. The same to Sir Edward Cecil or Sir William St. Leger. Recommending divers persons for employments in the land Army. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 25. Whitehall. The same to Ralph Hopton. Inviting him to an employment in the fleet. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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May 25. Dover Castle. 89. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Has received his command for the release of the Scottish ship; but in that case great store of goods of Dunkirkers which are at Dover, will be transported in that ship and be all lost to the Duke, unless Sir John be directed to attach them.

May 25. The Tower. 90. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends James Woodcot, a purser, to his favour.

May 25. Sher[burne?] 91. Jo. Dutton to [Endymion] Porter. He had been misled; Sir Jo. Bridgman is still alive. Sent the letter to Sir William Sandys, a Dep. Lieut., who is now in London, and can best make the accompt.

May 25. Return of names and residences of 370 men levied in the Eastern division of Devon, and delivered to William Fortescue, to be conducted to Plymouth. Exeter had undertaken separately for 30 men. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 4.]

May 26. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sec. Morton. Sir Charles Glemham comes to the Duke. The Lord Treasurer has received warrants, and perfected the contracts for supply of money. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 215.]

May 26. Whitehall. The same to Sir Dudley Carleton. Recommending Capt. Courteney, that he suffer no check in his entertainments in the Low Countries. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 26. Philpot Lane. 92. Sir Thos. Smythe to Sec. Conway. The complaint of Thomas Anderson and Nicholas Galenby relates to business done by him, as Governor of the Muscovy Company, 12 or 13 years ago. The present Governor [Alderman Hammersley] will satisfy his Lordship therein.

May 26. Whitehall. 93. [Sec. Conway's Secretary to Sec. Conway?]. Recommending a suit for a grant at a rent, which suit had been approved by the King's Council when the King was Prince of Wales. [*Unsigned.*]

May 26. Whitehall. Proclamation imposing pains and penalties upon idle persons following the Court. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 14.]

May 26. Plymouth. 94. James Bagg to Sec. Conway. Intelligence received that the Spaniards fortify Cadiz, and express their fear of an English fleet. Mons. de Soubise has 45 sail of ships, and, besides sailors, has 6,000 landsmen embarked. Some troops of soldiers have arrived at Plymouth.

May 26. 95. Examinations of John Franklin, Wm. Inglis, and Thos. Ravenor, all of Marlborough, on the charge of receiving bribes to discharge pressed men, taken before Sir Wm. Becher, one of the Clerks of the Council.

May 27. Whitehall. 96. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Williams. His Majesty had been moved by a servant of his to recommend his son, a student of Cambridge, to a fellowship in St. John's, upon the ground that such a power had been reserved by the statutes of the foundress. He wishes to be satisfied whether there be such a reservation. *Underwritten,*

96. 1. *Reply of the Bishop, assuring him there was no such reservation. The clergy are humble suitors on their knees to his Majesty and his great Ministers, to be as sparing as may be in writing letters, which may hinder elections in Colleges.*

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May 27. Whitehall. 97. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sir John Hippisley and the Mayor of Sandwich. Warrant for the release of a ship belonging to John Lister, laden with lead and shot, which had been stayed at Sandwich.

May 27. On board the Vanguard, in the Downs. 98. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Conway. He is ready to take the first fair wind and weather. Wishes to know whether he is to proceed with his voyage or wait for the Queen, according to orders given him by word of mouth, by Sir John Coke. Mons. Razilli has just come aboard with a commission from the French Ambassador, by which he pretends to have power over the whole fleet in as ample manner as the Lord Admiral of France, which is contrary to the articles and instructions. Wishes to know his Majesty's pleasure. The Mayor of Dover should be ordered to furnish him with two pilots for the coast of France, one for Dieppe, the other for Havre.

May 27. Blackfriars, at the Lady Coffin's house. 99. John Bowle, Dean of Sarum, to Sec. Conway. Thanks for granting his suit in behalf of an old soldier, Capt. Walter Norton.

May 27. London. 100. Sir Kenelm Digby to John Earl of Bristol. Long details of an interview with the King, in which his Majesty disavowed any personal displeasure or grudge against the Earl, and stated that the cause why the Earl was in suspense and removed from Court was, that he was so desirous of the Spanish match that he trusted more to the Spanish Ministers than was fitting. If, as between himself and the King, he would acknowledge that he was too forward and confident, he should then without more ado kiss his Majesty's hand, and live in peace and honour. [*Copy, attested by Sir Robert Heath.*]

May 27. 101. Return of the names, residences, and descriptions of 100 soldiers pressed in the East division, co. Northampton, and delivered to Capt. Wm. Leyfield, to be conducted to Plymouth.

May [27.] 102. Note of the money disbursed for the levy of 100 men in the East division, co. Northampton (138*l.*)

May 27. Return of the names of 150 men pressed in co. Oxford, and delivered to Edmond Chadwell, John Wormall, and Wm. Turner, to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 5.]

May 27. Westminster. 103. The King to Lord Keeper Williams. Letters patent confirming the appintment of Owen Wynne and Robert Wolseley to the joint office of Clerk of the Patents in the Court of Chancery, on the surrender of Sir Richard Younge and Sir Robert Pye. [*Copy.*]

May 27. Certified list of arrears of rents of assart lands in various counties, amounting to 482*l.* 17*s.* 11¼*d.*, given by the late King to his servant James Ouchterlony; with a minute of Sec. Conway, that the King confirmed his father's intention; and a request of the grantee, dated 1625, July 6, that the grant might be passed to John Gay. [*Case* A., *Charles* I., *No.* 2.]

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May 28. London. 104. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. Is sorry to see our ill news so fully confirmed. A rich Holland East India ship lay two whole days in the Downs in sight of the King's ships, whereby we may easily perceive how the world goes. Soldiers pass daily towards Plymouth; there will be 15,000 at the least. The Queen is on her way to Amiens, and makes account to be at Boulogne by Whitsunday eve. The King goes on Tuesday to Canterbury and Dover; persons who have gone before. Scottish Lords arrived at the Court, who say the King must go to Scotland to be crowned. The plague. Law suits determined between [De] Quester and Lord Stanhope, and Lord Sheffield and Ratcliffe. The King has sent for Lady Fanshaw's pictures.

May 28. Staple Inn. 105. Francis Morice to Sec. Conway. They should be in want of 2,000 of the number of corslets necessary for the 10,000 land soldiers. The 2,000 men who are to come out of the Low Countries should be directed to come furnished with corslets.

May 28. Savoy. 106. George Lord Carew to Sir John Coke. Solicits, on behalf of Capt. George Hatch, that he may have the command of his own ship, the Barbara Anne Constance, one of the merchant ships appointed for the intended expedition.

May 28. Indenture between Wm. Lord Brereton and Sir George Booth of the one part, and Captain William Dutton of the other part, witnesseth, that Capt. Dutton, having been appointed conductor of 200 soldiers from Macclesfield to Hull, has this day received the same. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 6.]

May 28. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. To direct those who pretend right to the Dunkirkers' goods, to exhibit a bill in the Court of Admiralty. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 215.]

May 28. Whitehall. The same to Sir John Wolstenholme. To suffer Sir Edward Barrett's goods to pass, in respect of his quality as Ambassador. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 28. 107. Thos. Locke to Dudley Carleton, one of the Clerks of the Privy Council. Reports fruitless endeavours to have an interview with Sir Thos. Dacres, in reference to a widow left unprovided for by the will of Sir Thos. Dacres. The King goes towards Dover the last of this month. The Queen set forth from Paris on the 23rd. Neither of the Queens nor the King accompanies her Majesty to Boulogne, only Monsieur, the King's brother. Sir Thos. Fairfax had inquired after Sir Dudley Carleton. The Earl of Northampton had gone into France in a mad mood, without acquainting the King; his Lordship is one of those from whom no great matter is expected. Lord Conway has a pension of 2,000*l.* per ann., for 21 years; Sir Edwd. Villiers, 3,000*l.* in money; Sir Francis Cottington, a grant of 400*l.* lands; these exceed the favour shewn in Sec. Morton's pension of 500*l.* per ann.

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May 29. Return of names and residences of 200 soldiers levied in Berks, and delivered to Captain Reade Wildgos, to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 7.]

May 30. 108. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Sir Francis Stuart has made stay of a ship of Dunkirk in the Downs, laden with corn and bullion. If thought fit that the ship should be embargoed, Sir John desires immediate instructions.

May 30. St. John's, Oxford. 109. Thos. Turner to Bishop Laud of St. David's. What he had written concerning Mr. Mountague is true in substance. He desires not to be produced, but is not afraid, if it might do Mr. Mountague any pleasure. His cousin Walker agrees with him. Dr. Radcliffe was present at the disputations.

May 30. Whitehall. Proclamation for continuing farthing tokens of copper, and prohibiting the counterfeiting of them, and the use of all other. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 16.]

May 30. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. Recommends Mr. Staverton to be an officer. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 215.]

May 31. Sudbourne. 110. Sir William Withypoll to the Council. Sends rolls for 200 soldiers levied in Suffolk, and delivered to conductors to take them to Plymouth.

May 31. Sudbourne. 111. Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. They present the charges of the levy of the 200 soldiers levied in Suffolk.

May 31. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir John Coke. To hasten away the arms to Plymouth, and the moneys to the Low Countries for provisions. A bill of exchange for the fourth part of the portion has been sent; the rest is to come in specie. The Queen stayed at Amiens by the Queen-mother's indisposition. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 216.]

May 31. Whitehall. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. Reminds him of the importance of despatching the arms out of the stores, and the provision to be made in the Low Countries. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 31. Whitehall. The same to the same. Sends him a bill of exchange for part of the portion monies. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 31. Whitehall. The same to Sir Horace Vere. Recommends Sir Thomas Meautys. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 31. Whitehall. The same to Sir John Ogle. Signifies the King's pleasure that Mr. Stuart should have a Company. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 31. Whitehall The same to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Wards. Recommends a petition. [*Minute, ibid.*]

May 31. Manchester. 112. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Lancaster to Mayor of Hull. The 300 men from Lancashire could not be at Hull by this day, as ordered. They will begin to march on the Wednesday in Whitsun-week, and it would be four or five days afterwards before they would reach Hull.

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May 31. London. 113. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Capt. Harris says that Campaine, the pirate, is off the Irish coast and expects his pardon. Suggests whether it should be got ready, and persons sent to him to agree upon conditions.

[May 31.] Whitehall. 114. [Sec. Conway] to the Commissioners of the Mint. The new coin being misliked, especially for "the effigion" of His Majesty, he has given order to Abraham Vanderdort to provide patterns of of his Majesty's "effigion," whereby the Commissioners are to cause the engravers to work. [*Minute.*]

May 31. Whitehall. The same to Sir Edward Villiers. Acquaints him with the above appointment of Abraham Vanderdort. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 216.]

[May.] 115. Estimate of the surcharge of 5,550 men to serve in the fleet for two months longer than was contained in the former estimate, 15,762*l.*

[May.] Westminster. 116. Form of licence to be granted to a Peer for dispensing with his personal attendance in Parliament by reason of indisposition.

[May?] 117. Petition of Henry Somerscalles to the Council. His whole estate had been expended in finding out the mystery of planting and curing tobacco, now prohibited by the late proclamation. Prays that he may have a moiety of the tobacco seized by him for the King's use, under a warrant from the Council, and also a further warrant to seize all forbidden tobacco.

[May.] 118. List of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber in Ordinary; with the rotation of their attendance.

[May.] 119. Dep. Lieuts. of Richmondshire to the Mayor of Kingston-upon-Hull. They have received letters for levying soldiers to be sent to Hull on the last day of this month, but they cannot be there until the 9th of June.

[May.] 120. Petition of a person unnamed to the King. Prays for a grant for 20 years of penalties incurred within the last two or three years, under the Statute of Drapery, of the 8th of Queen Elizabeth.

[May.] 121. Capt. Wm. Courteney's requests for further instructions on various points connected with the transport of 2,000 men [from Hull] into the Low Countries; with the answers of the Council appended. [*Minute.*]

[May.] 122. Sir Wm. Becher and John Dickenson, Clerks of the Council, to the Council. Send examination of Simon Tuchin and other papers, and report that they rest unsatisfied with his allegations. He is not free from suspicion of having intended to put himself or his ship into the hands of the Spaniards in the West Indies. *Inclose,*

122. I. *Examination of Simon Tuchin above-mentioned.*

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[May ?] 123. The Council to George Lord Carew, Master General of the Ordnance. The King wishes provision made for setting forth 12 King's ships, 20 great merchant ships, and 50 Newcastle ships, furnished with mariners and munition for 8 months. It is intended to send with them 20,000 soldiers. Lord Carew is prayed to set down what will be the necessary stores of munition and habiliments of war, and how much thereof is in the stores of the ordnance, and how much must be bought.

[May ?] 124. Copy of the preceding.

[May ?] 125. Note of proposition to make stay of the ships going for Turkey, and to be furnished from them with mariners.

[May ?] 126. List of Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, that are to go for Plymouth and Hull.

May. 127. List of the number of soldiers pressed for the Cadiz expedition, distinguishing the number derived from each county.

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June 1. Canterbury. 1. Sec. Conway to the Council. Sir Francis Stuart has made stay of a Dunkirk ship laden with coin and bullion. His Majesty, considering the unjust proceedings of the Infanta's Ministers against his subjects, holds it right to stay this ship until justice be done. The Council are to assemble and return their opinion thereon. They are to send also their advice on an answer to be given to certain demands of an agent of Spain.

June 1. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 217.]

June 1. [Canterbury.] The same to Sir John Hippisley. Informs him of the above letter to the Council, and advises him, till an answer comes, to stay the ship, but to use the people courteously: and he should do well to discharge two men stayed at Dover for refusing the oath, the French Ambassador complaining of their detention. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 1. [Canterbury.] The same to Sir Henry Marten. To give his opinion on certain points to His Majesty. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 1. Rolls. 2. Sir Julius Cæsar [Master of the Rolls], Hugh Barker, and Arthur Duck [to the Council]. They have heard a cause referred to them, and by consent of the parties have made an order that Mr. Bassett shall send to Mr. Burton's house in London certain arms and ammunition by the first tin ship from Week in Cornwall, and shall pay for the wheat at 7*s.* the bushel.

June 1. Dover. 3. The King to William Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Wardrobe. Warrant directing him to give order for removing the great Wardrobe to the King's house, called Sheene, near Richmond. [*Draft.*]

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[June 1.] 4. The King to Sir Robert Douglas. He is to leave the house called Sheene to the officers of the Wardrobe, during His Majesty's pleasure. [*Draft, written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

June 1. 5. Proportions of victuals for 47 sailors and 135 soldiers on board the Talbot for six months.

June 1. 6. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Reports to Sir Dudley an offer for his house at Imworth from Patrick Maule [Maal] of the late King's Bedchamber, a kinsman of Mr. Windebank, Sir Richard Harrison's neighbour, and allied to the Countess Leviston.

June 1. 7. The same to the same. 150*l.* allowed Sir Dudley for his blacks. Locke has heard that the Duke of Buckingham has written to the King, that the presents given to him in France are worth 80,000*l.* Above 30 sail of pirates are lying off the Scilly Isles, thought to be Turks: order for two of the King's ships to go thither. Sea provisions have been taken up to such an amount as to occasion some scarcity; such prices have never been heard of, nor such a fleet ever been set forth at once.

June 2. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Matthew de Quester. Acquainting him with a petition of the Lord Stanhope, and requiring his answer touching the state of his cause at the Common Law. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 217.]

June 2. Canterbury. The same to Edward Earl of Worcester, Lord Privy Seal. To stay him and the rest of the Lords at London, the marriage being to be performed there. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 2. 8. The Council to Sir Francis Stewart. Information given them of three ships lately stayed by him in the Downs. He is to cause them to put in at Dover. Such goods as concern the merchants of London are to be brought up thither, and such as are for Calais or Dunkirk are to be stayed at Dover. The other ship, whereof Archibald Douglas is master, is also to be brought into Dover and stayed there.

June 2. 9. Note of the security this day given by the King to the City of London for the payment of two loans, one of 60,000*l.* to himself and the other of 100,000*l.* to his father. The amount is made up to 216,310*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* by the addition of interest.

June 3. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Henry Viscount Mandeville, Lord President. The King's allowance to the common soldier cannot be increased. Recommends that directions be given for markets [at Plymouth]. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 217.]

June 3. Canterbury. The same to Lord Keeper Williams. To draw a Commission for proroguing the Parliament, leaving a blank for the time. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 3. Canterbury. The same to Sir John Hippisley. To make stay of a Scottish ship which, being pressed to transport Mansfeldt's troops, stole away. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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June 3. London. 10. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. The King having required to be certified by Mr. Attorney whether a grant to Wm. George, Clerk of the Wardrobe, were good in law against the former holder of that office, Sec. Coke sends Mr. Attorney's certificate that George's grant is good against all pretenders.

June 3. Clerkenwell. 11. Lord Treasurer Ley to the same. Desires that the Bills of Exchange for the Queen's portion may be sent to him as soon as they arrive; and that his Majesty will authorize him to pay thereout to Mr. Burlamachi 6,000*l.* out of the 40,000*l.* which Burlamachi is to return to the King of Denmark; also 7,000*l.* or 8,000*l.* towards satisfaction of money borrowed to furnish the expenses of the Household, the charges of Ambassadors, and other pressing demands. The Ambassador in the Low Countries has been requested to procure that the 2,000 men coming from thence may all be armed with corslets.

June 3. Totteridge. 12. Henry Viscount Mandeville, Lord President of the Council, to Sir Wm. Becher, Clerk of the Council. He had come that morning to the Council but that his coach failed him. Would have no haste in the redelivery of any ship of the Archduke's subjects; but the English subject wronged should enter his suit and arrest the ships, so should not we seem to give the first breach of league, and yet should have our ends.

June 3. Canterbury. 13. Sir Hen. Mildmay to Sec. Conway. The news of the Queen's stay at Amiens gives him a desire to take the opportunity to see the Court of France and the three Queens. Wishes for the King's permission that he may slip over. His Majesty's plate and jewels are safely brought to Canterbury, and well settled with a good watch day and night.

June 3. London. 14. Sir Wm. Uvedale to the same. He had sent down money for present occasions. The Chamber is so ill furnished that there is none or very little of the King's money remaining in Sir William's hands. Acknowledges Lord Conway's favour in supplying the wants of this time out of his own store.

June 3. Kingston-upon-Hull. 15. Mayor and others of Kingston-upon-Hull to the Council. They had been specially required to take order that the markets were well served, and that provisions brought in passed secure from the violence of the soldiers, such of them as were Dep. Lieuts. keeping the Trained Bands in readiness. They will not fail in obedience, but there have not been this long time any Dep. Lieuts. in their Riding.

June 3. 16. Lord Keeper Williams to Sec. Conway. Lest his Majesty should have occasion to use another Commission for proroguing the Parliament, he sends one for four days longer.

June 3. Westminster College. 17. The same to the same. Sends him another Commission for the prorogation of Parliament, with a blank for the day on which his Majesty shall resolve to have the Parliament to hold.

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June 3. Exeter. 18. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. He accepted his present charge in mere passive obedience, but the hand of the Lord is not with him. His soul inclines to a more retired course of life. Begs therefore to be helped from this engagement. Has erred in there undertaking and here declining, but less is an error than a heresy. Hopes the King will hear him before anything further be put upon him than his present service.

June 3. London. 19. Matthew de Quester to the same. Lord Stanhope, in a petition to the King, having urged objections against De Quester's patent for the foreign postmastership, he had procured an answer to be prepared by Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, one of his counsel in the recent trial between himself and Lord Stanhope. His cause is respited until the beginning of next term.

June 3. 20. Testimonial presented to his Majesty by Archbishop Abbot and others in behalf of Matthew de Quester. That for many years he had bestowed his painful endeavours in sending the King's packets to his Ambassadors in foreign parts with much fidelity and diligence. [*Copy.*]

June 4. London. 21. Matthew de Quester to Sec. Conway. Omitted through haste to send Mr. Recorder's declaration in his yesterday's letter. The Attorney General likes well of the same, wishing De Quester to pray Lord Conway to stay any proceeding by Lord Stanhope until judgment be given in the cause. *Incloses,*

21. 1. *The answer of Matthew de Quester to the objections of Lord Stanhope in his late petition to his Majesty.*

June 4. Kingston-upon-Hull. 22. Capt. Wm. Courteney to the Council. He has been appointed to receive 2,000 men at Hull; 1,400 have arrived, and 200 more will be there on Tuesday. Those from Lancashire cannot be there until Monday week, and he hears nothing of the rest. Dissatisfaction with the pay of 2*s.* 6*d.* per week. The transports are ready. He requests directions whether he should wait for those soldiers who have not yet arrived.

June 4. Tower of London. 23. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Gives account of the application of the amount of a bill of exchange delivered over to the Lord Treasurer; 4,000*l.* to Burlamachi for provision of corslets for the soldiers coming from the Low Countries, and 1,500*l.* to the Ordnance. Arrangements made for supply of victuals and munition. Ships in readiness to fall down, and take the first wind for Plymouth. Dissatisfaction at two Holland East India ships not having been stayed in the Downs.

June 4. Dover. 24. Sec. Morton to Buckingham. He found the King at Dover. His Majesty's going to Boulogne to meet the Queen is strongly dissuaded. The King wishes Buckingham not to return until he can bring the Queen to his hand. He wants more of those blanks which Buckingham left with him, in the use of which he has been very sparing. He has expressed his desire of seeing the Queen Mother.

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June 4. [Dover.] 25. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. The Earl of Northampton, Sec. Morton, and Mr. Glemham arrived at nine last night. They found the King on the leads, where he spent two very cold hours. Reasons against the King's passing to Boulogne: the precedent an abasing of the Kings of England; concessions to be feared from the Papists' importunities; necessity for holding the Parliament; and possible danger from his Majesty's putting himself in the power of another King. No word from the Low Countries since Sir Wm. St. Leger went. The King requires the Duke to send him more blanks signed. Sec. Morton to be despatched to the States.

June 4. Doctors' Commons. 26. Sir Henry Marten to Sec. Conway. His Majesty wishing him to certify his opinion respecting the stay of Dunkirkers by Sir Francis Stewart, he recapitulates past proceedings consequent upon many complaints by subjects of England and Scotland against the Dunkirkers. His late Majesty, who was not easily drawn to write or subscribe any lines tending to extremities, gave commission to the Lord Admiral to issue letters of marque; if that commission be just, the stay of their ships and goods must necessarily be so likewise.

June 4. London. 27. Sir William Becher to the same. Reports what had been done at a meeting of the Council respecting the stay of the ship by Sir Francis Stewart, and also respecting the King's answer to the agent of Spain. Explains why the letter in reply was not fully signed. *Incloses,*

27 1. *The Lords of the Council to Sec. Conway. The Council deem the orders already given to Sir Francis Stewart sufficient, but upon more particular knowledge they will give such further order as may be requisite. The King should refer the agent of Spain to receive his answer from the Council.* 1624, *June* 4.

[June 4?] 28. Statement of facts to be submitted to his Majesty respecting Campaine, the Dutch pirate, who had taken and rifled above 80 ships of the Hollanders, and, according to Sir John Killigrew, was worth 100,000*l.* It is thought that he was desirous to come into England, and would give 20,000*l.* for a pardon.

June 4. 29. Fulke Lord Brooke to Sec. Conway. Thanks him for his "discharging advertisements." Hopes his love businesses would keep him from having anything to do with "the great Commission" till his return. He is sorry for Breda, although our men came away in safety. Love must teach the King to suffer with patience, and duty fashion "you all" to wait upon him.

June 4. 30. Dominico Bowen to [Nicholas]. A Portugal ship stayed at Hurst Castle by Lord Gorges under pretence of piracy. Peter le Grave, acting under a commission from the Prince of Orange, had proved that the ship was lawful prize, and Mons. Houtyn, Admiral of Zealand, had certified to the truth thereof. Reference requested to the Judge of the Admiralty.

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June 4. 31. Instructions given by the Duke of Buckingham, Lord High Admiral, to his fleet appointed to transport the Queen's Majesty from Boulogne.

[June 4.] 32. Petition of Simon Tuchin to the Council. Having been ordered to give bond not to go into Virginia, he declares that he did not take soundings of the rivers and harbours of that country, as asserted by the Virginia Company. Sends certificate thereon, and offers as his sureties, Richard Abington and John Bartlett, doctor of physic. *Annexed is,*

32. I. *Certificate of two of the crew of Tuchin's ship that he never sounded farther than his ship went.* 1625, *June* 4.

June 5. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. His Majesty likes well his not meddling with the portion money, and desires to preserve it for the most notable actions; 6,000*l.*, to make up the 46,000*l.* for Denmark, will in all likelihood be yielded to. Requests that money may be made over for providing such arms as are wanting. The three Queens ready to remove from Amiens. Reputation won by the Duke of Buckingham. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 217.]

June 5. Dover. The same to Lord Keeper Williams. Sends a Commission for adjourning the Parliament, which he is to make use of, if he receive not contrary order. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 218.]

June 5. Dover. The same to Sir John Coke. Sends a warrant to prepare a protection for Campaine the pirate. Some information from Sir John not well understood, but no ships stayed that are not Dunkirkers. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 5. Dover. The same to Sir John Hippisley. To discharge a ship bound for Dunkirk, which he formerly stayed. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 217.]

June 5. Totteridge. 33. Henry Viscount Mandeville, Lord President, to Sir Wm. Becher, Clerk of the Council. Sends a letter from Sec. Conway, which is an answer to the letter from Plymouth, to be communicated to Sir John Ogle. Would gladly hear the certainty of the Queen's coming over, when the King will be in London, and where he now is. *Incloses,*

33. I. *The Mayor and others of Plymouth to the Council. Had used their best endeavours for the billeting of* 10,000 *soldiers. Great complaints that their pay of* 2*s.* 6*d. per week could not find them meat and drink. Insubordination for lack of officers.* 1625, *May* 30.

33. II. *Lord Conway to the Council. Communicates to them his Majesty's opinion on an inclosed letter from Plymouth. The directions already given for the well ordering of the troops are sufficient. Sir John Ogle is now there. The soldiers' full pay is* 8*d. per day, of which* 2*s.* 6*d. per week is paid to them for victuals, the rest being reserved for providing two suits of clothes yearly. The gentlemen should be admonished to take care for well furnishing the markets at the cheapest rates.* 1625, *June* 4.

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June 6. Whittlesey. 34. Eliza Lady Hatton to the Council. Before the coming of their messenger she was prepared to take her journey to London on Whitson-Monday, though she had not used to travel on such days before in her life. Will shortly attend their Lordships.

June 6. Plymouth. 35. Commissioners for executing martial law in the County of Devon to the same. As 3,000 soldiers are to be billeted in places near Plymouth, but in the County of Cornwall, they desire that their Commission may be extended to that county.

June 6. London. 36. Sir Wm. Becher to Sec. Conway. Sends a copy of the Council's letter to the gentlemen of the West country in answer to theirs about the soldiers' pay. On his Lordship's credit they have written that Sir John Ogle was gone down to take the command, though they knew not of it, because there were no letters from the Lords to that effect. *Incloses,*

36. I. *Copy of the Council's letter to the Mayor and others of Plymouth, in the terms suggested in Lord Conway's letter of* 1625, *June* 4. [*See ante, No.* 33. II.]

June 6. Dover. Sec. Conway to Edward Earl of Worcester, Lord Privy Seal. Advertising the time of the Queen's coming from Amiens. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 218.]

June 6. Canterbury. 37. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Has delayed his departure till he might certify the opinion of the physicians after opening the head of Orlando Gibbons, who had died suddenly at Canterbury. They avow that there is no token of any infection, and in the brain most apparent signs of a lethargy. *Incloses,*

37. I. *Copy of the certificate of Drs. Poe and Domingo, who attended Orlando Gibbons on his sudden seizure and examined his brain after his decease.*

June 6. Arwenack. 38. Sir John Killigrew to Buckingham. Will essay to bring in Campaine, who has refused the pardon sent him from his own nation. Bagg is unthankful. Bonython had done his Grace much damage.

June 7. Dover. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry and Solicitor General Heath. To examine the state of an extent upon the Earl of Ormond's lands, and certify whether his Majesty may grant a suspension thereof. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 218.]

June 7. Dover. The same to Sec. Morton. How far the Queen is on her journey. His instructions shall be ready for him. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 7. 39. Presentations for recusancy in a Court held at Haverford West before William Awbrey, Vicar General of the diocese of St. David's.

June 7. Bury St. Edmunds. 40. Dep. Lieuts. of Suffolk to the Council. Two prisoners had been convicted of small felonies at the last Assizes. The Judges would have given them their clergy, but could not, as they had had that benefit before. They, therefore, left them in prison to the end, that, if the Council give consent, they might be pressed for His Majesty's service.

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June 8. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. Assures him of readiness to assist in bringing him off from the employment at Plymouth. [*Minute Conway's Letter Book, p.* 218.]

June 8. Dover Castle. 41. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Seven Englishmen who have arrived from France, having refused to take the oath of allegiance, have been committed to Dover Castle. A will of one Mr. Talbot, in which much money is given out of the kingdom to spiritual uses, found on one of them. Sir John desires that a proclamation may be issued against carrying goods into France as well as into Spain. The Hamburghers are now all freighted into France and thence to Spain. Encounters with ships of Dunkirk. Has written so often for a warrant that the sea coast may be better looked to, that he begins to be weary of it: men resolve to meddle no more, let the French do what they will.

June 8. Hurst. 42. Rich. Harrison to Sir Dudley Carleton. Requests Sir Dudley to make a Christian of his daughter just born. Describes great damage done by a recent thunder storm, the like of which had never been heard of in any age.

June 8. Return of names of 300 men levied in Lancaster, and committed to Alexander Green to be conducted to Hull. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 8.]

June 8. Return of names and places of residence of 200 men levied in co. Chester, conducted by Capt. Wm. Dutton, to Kingston-upon-Hull, where they where delivered to Capt. Wm. Courteney. Underwritten is Capt. Courteney's receipt for 192 men. [*See ibid., No.* 9.]

June 8. Return of names of 27 men levied in Lancaster for his Majesty's service in Ireland, and delivered to Edward Bolton, Robert Mercer, and Richard Tatlock, to be conducted to Liverpool. [*See ibid., No.* 10.]

June 9. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Abraham Jacob. To continue the payment of Sir George Goring's pension according to the late King's direction. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 218.]

June 9. 43. The Council to Capt. Wm. Courteney. In reply to his letter of the 4th inst. He is to embark the soldiers which had already arrived at Hull, leaving sufficient shipping and victuals for the remainder, when they should arrive. [*Copy*].

June 9. Westminster College. 44. Lord Keeper Williams to Sec. Conway. Desires his Majesty's final resolution whether the Parliament should be put off. The sickness in London increases into a remarkable number, but Westminster is yet free from infection. It should be resolved whether the King will open Parliament with his crown before his coronation, or rather without it, and if so, whether in his robes. Tell the Duke of Buckingham that Lady Purbeck's defence in the High Commission proves to be modest and without aspersion of other parties.

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June 9. Canterbury. 45. Petition of Robert Pamplin, Yeoman of the Robes, to the King; prays for a grant of Key Haven, Berewater, and certain other lands in Milford, Winning and the adjoining parishes, in co. Hants, being places overflown by the sea; with a reference of the said petition to the Lord Treasurer.

June 9. London. 46. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. He long since delivered directions to the officers of the Ordnance to make ready what warrants they stood in need of, but, either by the sickness of the Master and Clerk of that office, or otherwise, the main warrant has been neglected. Sends a warrant for signature appointing the Master [of the Ordnance] for the meditated expedition.

June 9. 47. Sir Henry Poole to Mr. Trumbull [Tromball]. Gives him a note of the contents of a petition [to the Council], that 105*l.* paid by certain collectors [for the County of Oxford?] for wages of soldiers impressed for the service of Count Mansfeldt, might be allowed them, and their bonds be delivered up.

June 9 Dover. 48. Mayor of Dover to Sec. Conway. The Anne Royal sailed yesterday, and this morning the rest of the ships, all for Boulogne. A mariner reports that the Queen reached Boulogne yesterday, about 5 o'clock p.m., in good health and very merry. This man saw her viewing the sea, and so near that it was bold to kiss her feet, so that her Majesty was over shoes, and thence returned with great pleasure.

June 9. Whitehall. 49. Sir William Becher to the same. The Lord Keeper has given order to have a commission drawn up. He desires to have an immediate warrant for passing the same. [The purport of the commission is not stated.]

June 9. Brooke. 50. Edw. Lord Noel to Sir John Lambe. In favor of William Winter, whose suits against Hugh Poole have been referred to the order of Sir John.

June 10. London. 51. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Capt. Harris brings the pardon for Campaine ready for his Majesty's signature. Whether it be fit to restrain his coming into the Western ports or the Isle of Wight.

June 10. Return of names of 32 foot soldiers, levied in co. Chester, and delivered to Sir Robert Yaxley, to be conveyed from Chester into Ireland. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 11.]

June 11. London. 52. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. The money for the soldiers has been sent to Plymouth and Hull, and also that for the 2,000 men from the Low Countries. Sir Robert Anstruther is gone with bills for 46,000*l.* for the King of Denmark. To-morrow, the remainder of the 20,000*l.*, imposed upon the Treasurer by the Duke, will be paid. 11,800*l.* for the Victualler of the Navy, and 8,500*l.* for the Ordnance, still remain, and there is neither money in the Exchequer left, nor means to maintain the ordinaries for this year to come, nor any more credit at all. Urgently intreats that the King will give warrant for paying these and other sums out of the portion, as was intended by the late King.

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June 11. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Williams. To send a new Commission for adjourning the Parliament, to be in readiness if there be cause to use it, though it is otherwise hoped, the Queen being at Boulogne. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 219.]

June 11. Canterbury. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. Sends a warrant to dispose of 6,000*l.* of the Queen's portion to Burlamachi. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 11. Canterbury. The same to Sir John Hippisley. To give order that such merchant ships as are at Deal put over to Boulogne, and attend the directions of the Duke of Buckingham. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 11. Canterbury. The same to the Duke of Buckingham. The fleet being dispersed by a storm, the merchant ships at Deal are commanded to make over to Boulogne. Account of proroguing the Parliament. Businesses of the Low Countries referred to Mr. Carleton's relation. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 11. Canterbury. The same to Sir William Becher. Informs him touching the officers sent to Plymouth, that he may satisfy the Lords how it was done. Sends a commission of martial law for Cornwall, and a letter for the Earl of Bristol, to excuse his coming to Parliament. [*Minute, ibid, p.* 218.]

June 11. Canterbury. The same to the Mayor of Dover. To set at liberty five Dunkirk prisoners that spake unseemly words, taking acknowledgment from them of his Majesty's grace and their offence. [*Minute, ibid, p.* 219.]

June 11. Wisbeach. 53. Three Justices of Peace for the Isle of Ely to the Council. Remit informations and examinations respecting a report spread abroad by Henry Denne and Peter Tompson, that his Majesty had been made away with. *Inclose,*

53. I. *Information of Richard Tyllney.* 1625, *June* 11.

53. II. *The like of John Stanion.* 1625, *June* 10.

53. III. *Examination of James Tompson.* 1625, *June* 11.

53. IV. *Examination of Peter Tompson, and Information of Robert Birbeck.* 1625, *June* 11.

53. V. *Examination of Henry Denne.* 1625, *June* 11.

June 12. Powderham Castle. 54. Sir Geo. Chudleigh and Sir William Courtenay to the Council. Remit examinations respecting an alarm given to their neighbourhood by the appearance of a large fleet under Flemish colours, and the landing of a body of armed men near Teignmouth. *Inclose,*

54. I. *Examination of Henry Tailler and others.* 1625, *June* 11.

54. II. *The like of Thomas Okman.* 1625, *June* 12.

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June 12. Plymouth. 55. Sir John Ogle to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. Has an honest, humble, and well-devoted affection to his service. Is here engaged, but has partly declined upon some melancholic suggestions, although he will go forward to perform his Majesty's will. Beseeches his Lordship to interpose, that all former oversights, by word or writing, may be forgotten. They have alarms and mutinies: the alarm is that 80 ships have put in about Teignmouth; the mutiny, that of the Essex men against their conductor.

[June 12.] Canterbury. 56. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. The Queen is expected this night at Dover, and on Wednesday [the 15th] they will be in London. The King will not come to Greenwich at all. God bless George and Charles and Dim.

June 12. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. To commit to prison the postmaster of Dover, for neglect in conveying letters. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 219.]

June 12. Deal Castle. 57. Thos. Fulnetby, Capt. of Deal Castle, to Sir John Hippisley. Order received to send ships to Boulogne to the Lord Admiral. There is not one ship in the Downs, nor has there been since Friday.

June 12. Kingston-upon-Hull. 58. Capt. Wm. Courteney to Sec. Conway. He has appointed Lieut. Chaworth as directed. Capt. Plumley comes not. Has put Capt. Stratford in his place. Recommends Lieut. Wilton. Some conductors come short of their numbers, and many of the men are lame and sick, and so bare, that he has been driven to make suits for them.

June 12. Plymouth. 59. Sir John Ogle to the same. This is a knotty and cumbersome business. The number of officers insufficient; the men very unfit by reason of age, impotency, and sickness; their clothes not of the best, being only cassocks, no shirts, shoes, stockings, or breeches; those out of Hampshire without even cassocks. Alarms of mutiny, and of an enemy's fleet at Teignmouth.

June 12. London. 60. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. The Earl of Oxford's decease is the more lamented as he was the only hope of so ancient and noble a house. We do or say little, but expect the Queen, the cause of whose stay is her mother's sickness. The Queen is escorted by a little army of 4,000 attendants. The sickness increases and spreads. Death of Orlando Gibbons. The Parliament must be put off again. Earls of Montgomery and Carlisle and Secretary Morton are come out of France. Munificence of the presents to Buckingham, Goring, and others. Has just heard that the Queen came to Boulogne on Thursday; and that the sickness has broken out in the house of the Lord Mayor.

June 12. Return of names and residences of 50 men levied in co. Radnor, and delivered to Thirkell Ridgeley to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 12.]

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June 13. Canterbury. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. Sends a warrant to dispose of 11,800*l.* of the portion money to the Victuallers of the Navy. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 219.]

June 13. Canterbury. The same to Sir John Coke. Sends the permission for Campaine to come into any harbour of England, and advises him to acquaint Sir John Killigrew with the business. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 13 Dover Castle. 61. The King to the Duke of Buckingham. Warrant requiring him to give order to stay all Spanish ships and goods found within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports.

June 13. Westminster College. 62. Lord Keeper Williams to Sec. Conway. Sends a commission to prorogue the Parliament until Saturday next, and another to open it in the King's absence. The sickness has spread into all parts of the City: cases have occurred in Westminster. He could have wished that his Majesty had determined to come no nearer than Greenwich. Propriety of opening the session privately, putting off the term, and removing the Parliament. Had directed the principal reporter of the King's death to be imprisoned until the Assizes, the others to be let out on bail.

June 13. Lichfield. 63. Sir Simon Weston to the Council. Sends return of 100 foot impressed in co. Stafford. The men were all able-bodied, and between 24 and 40.

June 13. The Tower. 64. Sir Allen Apsley, Lieut. of the Tower, to Henry Viscount Mandeville, President of the Council. He had taken the examination of Martin Bowen [Bowes] committed by the Duke of Buckingham. Bowen had no warrant to pass the shot; as it seems he had to transport the ordnance. He says there are 25 tons of shot; the owner of the wharf says there are above 60 tons. *Incloses,*

64. I. *Examination of William Langley. 50 tons of great iron shot landed at Chester's Quay by one Bowen, born at Antwerp, and a traveller between the Archduke's country and England; he is suspected to be one who gives intelligence.* 1625, *May* 5.

64. II. *Letter from Wm. Langley. He had directed that the shot should not be removed. Bowen will father it upon Burlamachi.*

64. III. *Examination of Martin Bowen. He received* 25 *or* 30 *tons of shot from Burlamachi, and lodged them at Chester's Quay until means arose for their transportation to Amsterdam.* 1625, *June* 5.

64. IV. *A letter, in Dutch, conveyed to the prisoner in the Tower by his brother.*

June 14. Kingston-upon-Hull. 65. Mayor and other Commissioners at Kingston-upon-Hull to the Council. The companies are now complete; the number of those from the West, being 1,940 men, are all shipped. 300 out of Lancashire arrived on the 12th. The men from Northumberland, being very poorly apparelled, have been supplied with necessaries.

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June 14. 66. Sec. Conway to Mr. Packer or Edward Nicholas. To request the Lord Admiral to give orders for a ship to transport Sec. Morton into the Low Countries, and for another ship to fetch the wife of Mons. Bruneau, agent here from Spain, from Boulogne.

June 14. Plymouth. 67. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. If, notwithstanding those mists of darkness cast sometimes over the small light of his judgment, he is yet thought capable to do service, he refuses not to be employed. Reiterates his complaints of the wants of the soldiers, who are like to carry an infection on shipboard sufficient to give an overthrow ere they see any enemy. The commission for martial law should be extended to Cornwall, and order taken for supply of shirts, shoes, stockings, and breeches.

June 14. Loseley. 68. Sir George More to the Council. The inhabitants of Godalming fearing that by occasion of their fair, to which there is a resort of many tradesmen from London, the sickness might be brought into their town, had requested that this year the fair might not be kept. As this is a public matter Sir George requests their Lordships' approbation of the postponement.

June 14. Canterbury. 69. Endymion Porter to his wife. Last night the King and Queen did lie together at Canterbury. He has sent her two of the King's points and a ruby ring. On Thursday [16th] he hopes they shall meet in London.

June 15. 70. Attorney General Coventry to the Council. Thinks a letter should go to the effect desired in a petition referred to, and that 15*l.* should be allowed the petitioner for costs.

June 15. On board the Vanguard in Dieppe Road. 71. Captain John Pennington to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. On the 9th he sailed from the Downs, and on the 13th, after very foul weather, came to an anchor off Dieppe, having parted company with the Great Neptune. The French Ambassador stated that the Admiral of France was at Dieppe ready to embark, but he is in Paris. Has sent to let him know of the arrival of the fleet, and requested his directions. This is no place to stay in. No provisions of war prepared; 1,700 soldiers ready to be put aboard, which is more than he is bound by his instructions to receive. Is informed that the preparation is against Mons. Soubise and Rochelle, but he has special command not to engage in the civil wars of France or against the protestants. Begs his Lordship to mediate for him, that abiding by his instructions he may not be censured until he shall return to render an account.

June 16. 72. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. A French gentleman having been hurt in a squabble at Dover, he had required the Mayor to take bonds for the appearance of the persons accused. Sends the statement of the French gentleman.

June 16. 73. The same to the same. The night the King departed from Canterbury Sec. Morton arrived at Dover so late that Sir Edwd. Cecil was in bed: this morning Sir Edwd. had gone from home. What might have been learnt from him will be explained by the Ambassador

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and Sir Wm St. Leger at the Hague. Learns from Mons. Aersens and the other Ambassadors from the States, that he has been expected on the other side. The 2,000 men from the Low Countries not likely to be sent over except the King will accept of them by entire companies. The state of Mansfeldt is wondrous low. Requests speedily to hear what language the Ambassadors of the States hold.

June 16. [East Retford.] 74. Commissioners for Musters in Nottingham to Lord Treasurer Ley. They had levied 150 soldiers and expended therein, and for coats and conducting the men to Hull, 115*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, which they request to be reimbursed.

June 16. East Retford. 75. The same to the Council. They had obeyed the directions of the Council, and had delivered the 150 soldiers for Nottingham to persons appointed to conduct them to Hull, who had there delivered them to Capt. Wm. Courteney.

June 17. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare a commission to the Duke of Buckingham to be general by sea and land, of the fleet and army. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 219.]

June 17. Whitehall. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. To appoint some persons to receive that part of the portion brought over in specie, and to keep the same till he have order to dispose thereof. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 17. Whitehall. The same to the same. To give warrant that a merchant of Antwerp may bring in and carry back, a pendant pearl of 47 carats, custom free, unless he sell it here. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 17. Barnstaple. 76. Mayor and Aldermen of Barnstaple to the Council of War. Send an examination of Thos. Beaple, who came very lately out of the captivity of Turkish pirates at Algiers, respecting the number of those pirates now on the English coast. *Inclose,*

76. I. *Statement of Thos. Beaple of his capture by Turkish pirates, his treatment, and what he heard amongst them about the number of ships in the Channel from Sallee and Algiers.* 1625, *June* 17.

June 17. 77. Protection against impressment given by Sec. Conway as Capt. of the Isle of Wight, in favour of the bark Anne and her crew; she belonging to that island, and needed for its defence. One of her crew having been pressed is to be discharged. [*Copy*].

June 17. Whitehall. 78. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Becher. Resolution has been taken to adjourn the term. He is therefore to turn to the proclamation for the adjournment of Trinity term in the first year of King James, and to have the like presently printed for this term.

June 18. Whitehall. Proclamation for adjournment of part of Trinity term, on account of the plague. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 17.]

June 18. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mayor of Dover. To accept from the Dunkirk prisoners their acknowledgment of his Majesty's grace, without insisting on their confession of the words. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 220.]

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June 18. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sec. Morton. The marriage of the King and Queen declared. If the States keep their ancient wisdom, they will embrace the overtures he brings; if otherwise, they have other hopes and worse intentions. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 18. 79. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Richard Middleton as a Gunner of one of the Sconces near Upnor Castle.

June 18. Lymington. 80. Sam. Newce and others to the Council. They had taken a view of all the salt works within four miles of Lymington, which they presented to their Lordships; with the answers of divers of the salt workers.

80. I. *Note of the view of all the salt works above mentioned, taken* 1625, *May* 30.

80. II. *Answer of certain salt makers in the parishes of Lymington and Milford, in reply to complaints of the patentees.*

June 18. Plymouth. 81. Commissioners at Plymouth to the same. The soldiers have petitioned for relief of their distressed condition in respect of clothing. It will conduce much to their present content, and the hope of future good, if order be taken for the relief of their necessities.

June 18. Canterbury. 82. Sir Geo. Newman, Judge of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, to Nicholas. Whilst the Duke was in France the Council directed Sir Geo. Newman to inquire concerning six chests of silver which Mr. Hugessen [Hugensan], of Dover, received out of the Hector, from Spain. He now reports to Nicholas the circumstanes respecting that and other consignments of silver made to Mr. Hugessen. The Duke was too busy to listen to him at Canterbury. *Incloses,*

82. I. *Copy of a letter of the Council to Sir George Newman, addressed as Dr. Newman. Directing him to make the before-mentioned inquiries of Hugessen, to ascertain the owners of the silver, and to cause it to be delivered to the Mint to be coined.* 1625, *June* 8.

June 18. Plymouth. 83. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. The soldiers can no way be made serviceable without a supply of necessaries. He knows not how to go forward in this business with assurance and resolution, the work is so knotty and full of incumbrance, but he will do his best. Refers to past transactions, in which he accuses himself of weakness, especially when he was overreached by the subtlety of that serpent at Utrecht.

June 18. 84. Speech of [Sir Thos. Edmondes] in the House of Commons, on moving that Sir Thos. Crewe should be elected Speaker.

June 20. Inner Temple. 85. Attorney General Coventry to Sec. Conway. Did not discern any inconvenience in moving His Majesty to grant a pardon to Bynding for manslaughter although he had not been tried for the offence. In cases of a more heinous nature, it is fit that offenders should abide their trial before they are pardoned. [*Copy*].

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86. Eleanor Lady Roe to Sec. Conway. The late King gave Lady Roe a pension of 200*l.* during her life, which is the best part of her means. She has written to the Duke of Buckingham and inclosed her petition to the King, that if there be danger as to the renewal of pensions her case may be considered. She hopes for favour because she lives an uncomfortable life in a strange country where her husband spends his own liberally in his Majesty's service.

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87. Copy of the preceding.

June 22.

88. Tho. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton, Ambassador at the Hague. Sec. Dudley's Privy Seal has been renewed for 4*l.* per diem. Parliament began on the 18th; the King went thither by water. The Lower House made choice of their old Speaker, Sir Thomas Crewe. Yesterday was the solemnity of the declaration of the King's marriage, held in the Banqueting House at Whitehall. The sickness is in six places at Westminster. Court festivities consequent upon the royal marriage. *Incloses,*

88. I. *Copy of his Majesty's speech on the opening of the Parliament.*

June 23.

89. Examination of Roger Penant of Bicton, co. Flint, a soldier returned from the Low Countries, arrested in the Great Chamber of the Court, with a pistol charged with bullet at his girdle.

June 23. Whitehall.

Sec. Conway to Mr. Selden, recommending a son of Mrs. Wright, put over to him by the Countess of Kent. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 220.]

June 24. / July 4. Rotterdam.

90. Warrant of Capt. Wm. Courteney, appointing Richard Woodward Lieutenant to Capt. Jackson, in the company of 2,000 soldiers brought by Capt. Courteney to Rotterdam.

June 25. London.

91. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. Gratitude of John West, Capt. Sibthorp, and Harry Fanshaw. The sickness increases, and the term is abridged. Great doings by reason of the Queen's arrival. The excessive bravery on both sides breeds a surfeit. The Queen's train, poor pitiful women, not worth looking after. The Duchess of Chevreuse fair, but paints foully. The King told the Parliament they had drawn him into a war, and must find means to maintain it. They begin to mutter about religion, and the King having promised that he would never marry with conditions derogatory to protestantism. Complaints of ill management. A lioness whelped in the Tower, which some take as a presage that all things are like to succeed as in the former time.

June 25.

92. Return of Dep. Lieutenants of co. Cardigan; that, as directed, they had levied 50 serviceable men, and had delivered them to Edward Johnes to be conducted to Plymouth. The charge for impressment, coat and conduct money, 90*l.* 10*s.*

June 25.

93. Petition of Arthur Beswick to the King. Prays for the renewal of a protection for one year, that he may make his peace with his creditors; with underwitten reference of the petition to the Council.

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June 25. 94. Order for payment to Rowland White of 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* as his Majesty's free gift, under a Privy Seal, dated April 30, 1625. [*Copy.*]

June 25. 95. Order of Council, on the petition of Edward Bennett and others, giving them permission to buy such things as Campaine should be forced to sell, and to take view and inventory of his ships and goods. [*Minute.*]

June 26. Whitehall. Proclamation for restraint of unnecessary resort to the Court [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 18.]

June 26. 96. Christopher Harris to Nicholas. Was just about to mount his horse; Nicholas should hear from him after he came to Bristol how business goes there; in the meantime wishes him to keep the money in his own hands.

[June 27.] 97. Case of Giles Greville, Lord of the manor of Ashley, holden of his Majesty's manor of Cheltenham, co. Gloucester, petitioner for an Act of Parliament for settling the copyhold estates and customs of the said manor, according to an agreement made with his Majesty when Prince of Wales. [*Printed.*]

June 27. York House. Buckingham to Sir Francis Stewart. Complaints made to the Council of devastations committed by Turkish pirates. Sir Francis is to go with the Lion, the Rainbow, and as many other ships as are ready, and to clear the coast, but is not to follow the pirates so as to be absent from the rendezvous of the fleet at Plymouth. [*Copy. See Vol.* i., *No.* 48.]

June 27. Appointment by Robert Randolph of Edward Hodgekins to deliver a messuage in Preston, co. Lancaster, with the manor of Elston, alias Ethelston, in the same county, to Thos. Henneage, on a demise for 5 years. [*Case* A., *Charles* I., *No.* 3.]

June 28. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. To send a list of the officers employed over the troops. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 220.]

June 28. 98. Account of payments, amounting to 136,077*l.*, ordered to be made at the Exchequer out of anticipated receipts of income.

June 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Robert Earl of Essex. Inviting him to [take the command of] a regiment, and sending letters to the States for his leave. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 220.]

June 29. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a commission to the Lord Treasurer, &c., to treat with the States' Ambassadors. It is added "This was not drawn; it being done in French." [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 29. Whitehall. The same to Mr. Hopton. Continuing his invitations to come over, and sending letters to Count Mansfeldt for his leave. [*Minute, ibid.*]

June 29. Whitehall. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for 1,000*l.* to Sir Wm. St. Leger, for provisions of war to be purchased in the Low Countries. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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June 29. From aboard, the Vanguard, near the Ness. 99. Capt. John Pennington to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Gives a particular account of a visit paid to the English fleet off Dieppe by the Admiral of France (the Duke de Montmorency.) The Duke appointed Commissioners to arrange with Pennington about the delivery of his ship. On entering into conference the Commissioners wished him to take on board 300 men; he declined to receive more than 60. They claimed that the Admiral should have the command of the ship and crew; he insisted on commanding his own people. They told him their design was against Mons. de Soubise; he answered that he would perform the contract. They left, saying that the King of France would write to the King of England to cause Pennington to fulfil their desire. On the following day, Pennington sent a messenger to the Admiral to let him know that they could not ride any longer where they were, and requested further orders; none arriving, Pennington brought his ship back to the English coast. His people swear that they will be hanged or thrown overboard before they will fight against Soubise. "A kennel of rank pirately rogues" at Dieppe abuse the good nature of the Admiral of France, who knows nothing of the sea, nor ever saw a piece of ordnance shot at sea before in his life.

June 29. Dover Castle. 100. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Wray wishes to resign his place to his son. He promises 10*l.* to have it done. Goods of Dunkirkers stayed at Dover. Petition of widow Dove.

June 30. Plymouth. 101. Sir John Ogle to the Council. Two Captains sent to view the state of the troops in Cornwall and Devon. Great want of things necessary not only for decency but for health. The Mayor has just reported the directions of the Council to supply the troops with necessaries; it shall be done on the return of the officers sent to inquire. A good correspondence between the country inhabitant and the soldier. Absence of disorder and outrage.

June 30. Rotterdam. 102. Capt. Wm. Courteney to Sec. Conway. Reports his arrival at the Brill, with the 2,000 men from Hull, on the 19th inst. By directions of Sir Dudley Carleton, the Ambassador, he brought the ships round to Rotterdam, but the men were not allowed to land until the 28th, greatly to their discontent. The Prince of Orange and the States think it not fit to exchange these men for old soldiers, therefore Sir Dudley purposes to send them back for Plymouth.

June 30. Plymouth. 103. Sir John Ogle to the same. Fears he has let fall something which, being taken up by some left-handed man, has been used to Ogle's prejudice. Seeks either to be encouraged by some testimony of his well standing, or to be taken from his present employment without disgrace.

June 30. 104. Petition of various French merchants to the Council, for release of their ships stayed at Dover and Weymouth on suspicion of their being laden with goods of Dunkirkers.

June 30. 105. Names of persons in co. Carmarthen presented for recusancy at the visitation of Bishop Laud of St. David's, before Wm. Awbrey, Chancellor of the said diocese, and others, Commissioners of the said Bishop.

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June 30. Whitehall. 106. The Council to [the Mayor of Weymouth.] Being informed that in a ship stayed at Weymouth there is much silver bullion, he is to inform himself who is the true proprietary of the same, and to remit it to the Mint to be coined into English money. [*Copy.*]

[June?] 107. Capt. Wm. Courteney to Sec. Conway. Lieut. Chaworth came in seasonable time, for Capt. Courteney never met with such unruly men, especially as those from Northumberland, who were brought, for the most part, naked, save their coats. After taking advice upon the subject, Capt. Courteney supplied them with such things as were necessary to keep them from nakedness, and he begs the favour of Lord Conway, that the amount may be allowed.

June. 108. Lord Mayor [John Gore] and Aldermen of London to the Council. A petition having been presented from Bristol for a total restraint of the citizens of London from their accustomed resort to the approaching fair in that place, it is prayed that the restraint may not apply to those who shall obtain certificates from the Lord Mayor that their houses and families are free from infection.

[June?] 109. Proposal for raising a sum, estimated at 300,000*l.*, by granting pardons of offences committed before March, 27, 1625.

[June?] 110. Statement of Samuel Pauson and Archibald Niccoll of the course they had taken during 13 months in suing for redress of injuries sustained by them from the Dunkirkers.

[June?] 111. Reasons to prove the inconveniences which arise from the late impositions on French wines.

[June?] 112. Names of various officers and servants of her Majesty's Household. [*French.*]

[June?] 113. List of the principal persons, with the numbers of the inferior persons, composing the Household of the Queen. [*French.*]

[June?] 114. Copy of the above.

[June?] 115. Directions touching the registration and regulation of strangers resident in England, according to his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal.

[June?] 116. Petition of Thos. Cotes [Page of the Chamber to the late Queen] to Sec. Conway. Has lived in the Court 46 years; was turned off at the last Queen's death, with a reward which was allotted to him, but never paid. Prays that he may enjoy his former place in the service of the present Queen.

[June?] 117. Names of persons to whom annuities were granted by Queen Elizabeth and King James; with the amounts in arrear at the Feast of St. John the Baptist in the 1st year of Charles I.

[June?] 118. George Duke of Buckingham to Edward Lord Gorges, Captain of Hurst Castle, or his deputies, Anthony Ersfield and Dominico Bowen. Commission to release a Spanish ship and goods, detained at Hurst Castle, and to deliver the same to Peter Le Grave [*Copy.*]

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[June?] 119. Grant [unsigned] to John Gilbert and John Hitch, and the survivor, of the office of Chief Graver of the Mint, and Master Graver and Cutter of the King's seals, ensigns, and arms, in the place of William Holle, deceased.

[June?] 120. Note by Edward Ingham of a message sent by the Earl of Pembroke to Capt. Pennington, explaining the feelings of the King and "all the rest," with reference to the delivery of the ships to the French. They were exceeding glad of the discontent of Pennington's ship's company; if it had not so fallen out, they should have advised him to have brought some such thing to pass. If the French offered to take possession of Pennington's ship, his men should take him prisoner and bring away the ship. It was far from the King's will that any of his ships should go against the protestants.

[June?] 121. Robert Earl of Warwick to [Sec. Conway]. Before his brother Montjoy received his commission for his troop of horse, some friends of his had entered into a treaty for his marriage. The Earl has written to the Queen to get him leave to stay and settle the business; wives worth 125 or 130 thousand pounds are not to be had every day.

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July 1. 1. Sir John Coke to Nicholas. Capt. Osborne is desirous to exchange from the Martha to the Assurance, where he may do better service. Nicholas is requested to move his Grace herein as his attendance gives him access, which in this time of business and distraction Coke cannot assure himself of.

July 1. 2. Sir Henry Marten to Buckingham. About 15 years ago a a ship called the Blue Worm, belonging to Capt. Alexander Moore, a Scottishman, laden with goods worth 3,000*l.* was taken by the Dunkirkers. The owner now desires to be relieved according to his Majesty's commission.

July 2. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Daniel Mittens, the King's Picture-drawer, 120*l.* for a copy of Titian's great Venus. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 17.]

July 2. Westminster. Warrant to pay to James Heriot, the King's Jeweller, 400*l.* for a ring of gold set with a large table diamond. [*Ibid., No.* 18.]

July 2. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Francis Du Gerdin, Jeweller, of Paris, 1,200*l.* for two picture cases set with diamonds. [*Ibid., No.* 19.]

July 2. Westminster. Grant, in fee-farm, to William Viscount Wallingford and Edw. Ramsey of the keeping of the forest and chace of Aylishott and Woolmer, in the county of Southampton, together with a rent of 31*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* reserved out of the manors Eastwordelham and Westwordelham. [*Ibid., No.* 20.]

July 3. Whitehall. Proclamation for a Public Fast on Wednesday the 20th July, and upon every Wednesday following. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 19.]

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July 3. Sec. Conway to Capt. Pennington. Complaint of the French against him and the rest, and their demands thereupon. Order that he receive 60 men aboard, such as the French Admiral shall appoint, and the other 7 ships 50 apiece, and to obey entirely the command of the French Admiral. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 221.]

July 4. Plymouth. 3. John Bere to Sec. Conway. On payment of the companies he began to defalke the hundredth penny, being an allowance ever due to the Paymaster, but Sir Francis Drake and Mr. Sampson would not suffer him to do so. He prays for a warrant authorizing such deduction.

July 4. Westminster. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to pay to Sir William St. Leger, out of the Queen's portion, 1,000*l.* for ten pieces of brass ordnance, 100 firelocks, granadoes, fireworks, and other utensils for the war. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 21.]

[July 4?] 4. Answer sent by the King to the House of Commons respecting the several grievances petitioned against in the last Parliament.

July 4. Dover. 5. Tho. Benson to Nicholas. Writes again respecting Wray's desire to resign to his son. Account of goods stayed at Dover. Douglas, a prisoner in the Marshalsea, would make his peace with Sir John [Hippisley] by a present of 20 pieces. A Gunner's place in Capt. Bacon's Castle by Winchelsea solicited; loth to hazard above 10*l.* upon it, because he fears that castle may be demolished.

July 4. Doctors' Commons. 6. Rich. Wyan to Nicholas. Reports, with reference to an enclosed petition, that Mr. Jennings, Lord Conway's deputy at Portsmouth, having seized a bark of Rich. Quaile as pirates' goods, Wyan had procured her condemnation in the Court of Admiralty by default, and a gentleman of Lord Conway's had taken out a commission of appraisement and delivery. *Incloses,*

6. 1. *Petition of Rich. Quaile to Buckingham, praying the release of his vessel, which had been condemned during his absence in his Majesty's service.*

July 4. 7. Estimate of a surcharge of 17,039*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for his Majesty's fleet bound forth, on account of an increase of 180 in the number of men, and of increased allowances.

July 5. 8. Sir Henry Marten to Buckingham. Lewes Kerck, who had been rifled by the Dunkirkers of the value of 200*l.*, with charges of imprisonment and ransom 260*l.* more, prays to be relieved according to his Majesty's commission.

July 5. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Maurice Abbot 8,000*l.* for a diamond cut in facets and set in a collet. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 22.]

July 5. Demise by Henry Lord Morley and Monteagle, Richard Catesby, Walter Stafford, and Anthony Penruddock, to Sir Thos. Lucy, of Charlecote, co. Warwick, and John Penruddock, son and heir of Sir Thos. Penruddock, of the manor of Martock, co. Somerset, by way of indemnity to Catesby and Anthony Penruddock against a bond for 1,200*l.*, which they had executed as sureties for Lord Morley and Monteagle. [*Case* A., *Car.* I., *No.* 4.]

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July 5. 9. Examination of David Cockburn, master of the Hopewell, of Leith. Sailed from Bourdeaux; was detained by Soubise and compelled to pay 65*l.*; taken by the Turks, recaptured and put ashore by the Hollanders; there are 600 English slaves at Sallee.

July 6. Sec. Conway to the Duke of Buckingham. Sends a letter to the French King from his Majesty touching the ships, to be signed. Importance of the matter and incommodity if Soubise should be broken and Rochelle reduced; in which case, if mediation prevail not, his Majesty may declare that he wishes peace to those of the religion. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 221.]

July 6. The same to Sir Dudley Carleton. Letters sent to the States for the Earl of Essex's leave, and to Count Mansfeldt for Mr. Hopton's. Two subsidies given. How far his Majesty has yielded touching the ships under Capt. Pennington. Commissioners named to treat with the States' Ambassadors. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 6. The same to Sec. Morton. To the same purpose. [*Minute, ibid.*]

[July 6?] 10. Sir Thos. Crewe, Speaker, to Sec. Conway. The warrant, which he had signed by order of the House, follows the Act of Parliament, and extends to the Treasurers as well as to the Council of War. Lord Carew had excused himself on account of indisposition. Viscount Grandison was at Battersea and could not have notice so soon. Some Member should excuse Lord Conway on account of his late receipt of the notice, and his being in a course of physic. The House sits that afternoon as a Committee of the whole House, and he [the Speaker] is not to be there unless sent for, else he would have made known the cause of Lord Conway's absence.

July 6. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 11. Mayor of Weymouth to the Council. Has required Henry Waltham to deliver up the three chests of ryals taken out of the ship from St. Lucar, but can get none but impertinent and dilatory answers. *Incloses,*

11. 1. *A slip of paper on which it is stated that Waltham intends to ride to Court with the messenger who conveys the Mayor's letter, and that he gives out that, before his coming up, there will be an order for the delivery of the ryals to James, the purser.*

July 6. Chester. 12. Mayor of Chester to the Council. He had provided two barks and a supply of victuals for the transport of 190 soldiers from Chester to Dublin, where they arrived on the 27th of June. *Incloses,*

12. 1. *Account for victualling and transporting the* 190 *soldiers* (149*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*)

July 6. 13. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. A young gentleman, James Moray, brought up in the Queen of Bohemia's service, Ensign to Captain Bell, has been arrested for debt by certain base fellows who had cheated him; requests that he may be released from Newgate. Sir Lewis is going to Hampton Court with the Venetian Ambassador.

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July 6. St. Martin's Lane. 14. John Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Intreats him to get the letter despatched concerning his Vice Governor in Connaught. Edward Neville only stays for the letter. Solicits renewal of his Privy Seals for Eltham (of which Palace he was Keeper), and the grant of Plumpton.

July 6. Westminster. Warrant to Sir Adam Newton, Receiver General of the Revenues of the Principality of Wales, to pay to James Heriot 1,925*l.* 5*s.* for jewels sold to the King when Prince of Wales. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 23.

July 6. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Richard Hadsor 186*l.* the remainder of his entertainment as one of the late King's Commissioners in Ireland, for payment whereof a Privy Seal was granted by the late King. [*Ibid., No.* 24.]

July 6. Westminster. Re-grant of protection to Sir John Townesend for the remainder of one year, granted by the late King. [*Ibid., No.* 25.]

July 6. Westminster. Grant to Anne Josey, the King's laundress for his table linen, of a stipend of 3*s.* per day. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

July 6. Westminster. Warrant to pay Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, 1,500*l.* for Gentlemen Ushers' bills and other bills and warrants yet unpaid for the year ending Michaelmas, 1624. [*Ibid., No.* 27.]

July 7. 15. Certificate of Sir William Slingsby that Sir Edward Osborne, intending to travel, had that day taken the oath of allegiance.

July 7. 16. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. It seems to him that it hath pleased God to put to his hand (as it were) to throw him out of that course of life, he therefore entreats Conway to bring him off fairly from that employment, and that a ship of war be sent to fetch him away; travel by land he cannot, and by sea it is too dangerous in an ordinary vessel by reason of the Turks.

July 7. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 300*l.* as the King's gift to Nicholas Lambert and John Guyott, two French heralds. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 28.]

July 7. 17. Report of the trial of the Pix, taken in the Star Chamber before the Council, Sir Edw. Villiers and Sir Wm. Parkhurst being Wardens of the Mint, Sir Rendill Cranfield, Master and Worker, and Richard Rogers, Comptroller.

July 8. 18. Instructions [to a committee appointed to present to his Majesty the "petition of religion"] that they should request his Majesty to command that Mr. Mountague should not publish any other books until some order were taken concerning those he had published already.

July 8. 19. His Majesty's reply; Mr. Mountague's former books should be referred to the Convocation; and hereafter books in that argument should be perused before they went to press.

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[July 8?] 20. References to passages in Mr. Mountague's "Gag," which were excepted to [by the House of Commons.] In the handwriting of Bishop Laud.

July 8. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Theodore Mayerne, keeper of Horne Park, 37*l.* 10*s.* for 15 loads of hay for the deer in that park. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 30.]

July 8. Hampton Court. Warrant to Sir Henry Hobart, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Sir John Walter, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, Sir James Fullerton, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, and Sir Thomas Trevor, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, to surrender the manor and forest of Gillingham, in the counties of Dorset and Wilts, granted to them and Thomas Murray deceased, by the late King for the use of the present King. [*Ibid., No.* 31.]

July 8. 21. Account of debt due to Marcadet, the Queen's Jeweller (30,050 livres), with certificate of the delivery of the articles, written in the name of Jehan de Harlay, Marchioness of St. George, Lady of Honour to the Queen, and signed by her husband W. de Harlay, the Marquis of St. George. [*French.*]

July 8. Westminster. 22. Wm. Earl of Northampton, Lord President of Wales, and Sir Jas. Whitelock to Sec. Conway. That for the better settling of Sir Thos. Chamberlayne's fees as Judge of Chester and certain counties in North Wales, 200*l.* had been paid to him yearly. *Inclose,*

22. 1. *Copy of Minute signed "Ro. Salsburye," intimating his Majesty's pleasure that Sir Richard Lewkenor, Justice of Chester should be paid the ancient and accustomed fee paid to his predecessors.* 1610, *Feb.* 8.

July [8.] 23. Sir John Coke's report of a message from his Majesty to the House of Commons. His Majesty's acceptance of the subsidies as a pledge of the affection not only of the representative body, but of his subjects generally. Application of former subsidies; losses under Count Mansfeldt; importance of the expedition now on foot, and urgent necessity for further supplies. The ordinary revenue is clogged with debts and exhausted with the late King's funeral and other expenses of necessity and honour. The choice, if further supplies refused, lies between calling back the ships and deserting the cause, or finding some way of extraordinary supply.

July 8. 24. Rough draft of the same, part thereof being written on a letter dated Drury Lane, 1625, June 25, from Dorothy Carey to her brother Sir John Coke, detailing the preparations for the removal of my Lord [*i. e.*, Bishop Carey of Exeter] and his family to Exeter on account of the plague.

July 8. 25. Another copy of part of the King's message as delivered by Sir John Coke.

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[July 8?] 26. Provisional instructions given by His Majesty's directions to [Sir John Coke?] as to the course to be taken in the House of Commons in case no further grant of subsidies could be obtained. He was to stand up and say that the King had given him warrant to move, in his name, not to deal with any other matter before they had agreed to the times of payment of the subsidies already granted. His Majesty would have been glad to have been assured of some future comings-in, but hoped to prevent the like growing necessities by a more frugal application of his own means.

July 8. 27. Lord Chief Baron Walter to Sir James Fullerton. King James having extended the lands of Walter Earl of Ormond on a bond of 100,000*l.*, assigned the extent to Lord Esmond and Sir James Craig. A little before the late King's death, letters were procured from him that the profits should be sequestered from the patentees. The Chief Baron and Barons Denham and Trevor are of opinion that the King could not grant such letters by any legal or ordinary course of justice.

[July 8?] 28. His Majesty's answers to the petition presented to him by both Houses of Parliament concerning matters of religion. [The answers given on this occasion differ from those ultimately entered on the Journal of the House of Lords, vol. iii., p. 479, and printed in Rushworth, I., 281].

July 9. 29. Thos. Locke to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. The want of money so great as the like has not been known. Ambassadors stay for want of money, and since Midsummer no servant of the King has received any penny. All the money that is yet in the Exchequer will not feed the French. Duchess of Chevreuse has resolved to lie in here. The sickness increases more and more; the bill specified 500 and odd last week. Deaths have occurred in Whitehall. Removals of the King and Queen. The Parliament like to break up on Monday. Sir John Coke's account of the past expenses. Debates in Parliament about Mountague's "Appello Cæsarem." The King's message to the House that Mountague was his servant. Precedency between the two Universities. Yorkshire election. General Fast every Wednesday, and trading forborne on that day.

July 9. Westminster. Re-grant to Thomas Viscount Andover of an annuity of 1,000*l.*, during pleasure, out of the pre-emption and coinage of tin in Cornwall and Devon. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 32.]

July 9. Westminster. Grant, in accomplishment of the late King's intention, to Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver of the Court of Wards, of 5,000*l.* out of debts due in that court. [*Ibid., No.* 33.]

July 9. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 30. The Mayor of Weymouth to the Council. Henry Waltham still contemptuously refused to deliver up the silver bullion directed to be sent to the Mint. *Incloses,*

30. I. *Note of all such goods as were laden on board the ship at St. Lucar.*

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July 10. Guildford. 31. John Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Presses for the King's letter, enabling him to him to appoint Edw. Neville to be his Vice-Governor of Connaught. Alludes to the King having been at the Earl's house at Guildford on his return from Spain.

July 10. 32. Order of Council, that his Majesty be moved to renew the protection granted by the late King to Arthur Beswick.

July 10. Hampton Court. 33. Sec. Conway to Capt. John Pennington. That the King had left the command of the ships under his charge to the King of France, and that Pennington was to receive into those ships as many persons as that King should be pleased to put into them.

July 10. 34. Copy of the same.

July 10. Minute of the same. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 222..]

July 10. Sec. Conway to the Turkey Merchants. Recommending Sir Thos. Phillips to be Ambassador at Constantinople; and that they present their exceptions in writing, if they have any. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 10. Plymouth. 35. James Bagg to Nicholas. No news of Sir Francis Stuart, or any of the King's ships except the Antelope, which is at Falmouth. These parts suffer from the Moors and Turks. Desires that Capt. Edward Yeats may be released from imprisonment, and be employed in this action.

July 11. 36. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Had arranged the demands for the navy, and caused the warrants to be drawn up. If care be not taken to limit the demands, and proportion the expenditure to the money that can be had, the business will fall to the ground.

July 11. 37. Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Anthony Tuchin, Peter White, and Jasper Dare, (captains of merchant ships agreed to be lent to the King of France,) to Sec. Conway. Having reason to suspect that there was a resolution on the part of the French to dispossess them of their ships, they had thought fit, in the civilest manner they could, to quit the coast of France. They think it much better that they should serve the French independently, and subject only to the orders of the Admirals or Generals in charge of the service; in which case nothing more will be looked for by them than to be made acquainted with the enemy against whom they are to be employed.

July 11. 38. Copy of the same.

July 11. 39. Robt. Bacon to William Weld, attending on Lord Conway. Having moved Lord Conway to be a mean for the continuance of the customary annual Royal grant of venison to the City of London, his Lordship referred him to Mr. Weld. He now solicits that the particular services of the present Lord Mayor (preparing to meet his Majesty, the levy of 3,000 men, and the loan of 60,000*l.*,) may be brought before the King to beget his favour towards the City.

July 11. London. 40. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Reports the reasons assigned by the captains of the merchant ships returned from the service of the French, why they think themselves freed from further engagement in that service:—the days of payment have been broken, and the car-

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riage of the French has been insolent; they have plainly professed they will be masters of the ships, and will employ both ships and men against those of our religion. The owners say their ships are their freeholds, and they say all that they are English free-born and will not put themselves into French jurisdiction. Our seamen generally are most resolute protestants, and will rather be killed or thrown overboard than be forced to shed the blood of protestants. Murmuring against it in Parliament; open exclaiming in the pulpits. Course suggested to gain time and draw from the objectors a declaration of their due performance of the contract. Sir Ferdinando Gorges attends upon this business.

July 11. Whitehall. 41. The Council to the Mayor of Weymouth. They approve his care and diligence. He is to call before him Henry Waltham, and charge him to make present delivery of the three chests of ryals, as he will answer the contrary at his peril. [*Copy.*]

[July 11.] 42. Precedents of adjournments of the House of Commons by Royal order from 27th Eliz. to 1st Car.

[July 11.] 43. Copy thereof.

July 11. Oatlands. Grant, in accomplishment of the late King's intention, to Alexander Steward, his servant, of the benefit of the forfeited recognizances of John Burch, Edmund Daniel, and Thomas Hatton, and their sureties, amounting to 800*l.* [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 34.]

July 11. 44. Report of Capt. Robert Gore, sent as Sergeant Major to take view of the troops billeted in Devon. The sum of the return is, that there were 4,534 serviceable men, 196 unserviceable, 9 runaways, and 2 dead.

July 12. Oatlands. Proclamation for adjournment of the Parliament from Westminster to Oxford, to be holden on the 1st of August next. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 20.]

July 12. Oatlands. Grant to James Chambers, doctor in medicine, of the office of one of the King's ordinary Physicians, with the same fee and allowance as he had under the late King. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 35.]

July 12. Dover. 45. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Wray intends to petition the Duke. Hears that his Grace goes General of the Fleet and Army. Received last week six chests of Spanish money, containing 20,000 ryals of eight. These are out of Douglas's ship; he is now a prisoner in the castle. Appointments solicited. It was reported that there were above 300,000*l.* worth of goods stayed in Dover harbour.

July 12. On board the Talbot. 46. Luke Burden to the same. Sir Francis Stewart had sent a packet to the Duke of Buckingham concerning his having stayed certain ships bound for Flanders, and freighted with money and goods. Since then Sir Francis had stayed an English ship from Carthagena in the Straits, which Sir Francis desires that the Duke may know. Sir Francis had commanded the writer to take the three ships to Portsmouth. The master's name of the ship from Carthagena is John Blake.

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July 12. Wickham. 47. Sir Thos. Chamberlayne to Sec. Conway. His Majesty promised that he should have the fee usually paid to Justices of Chester. It is 200*l.* per annum, as has been certified by the President of Wales and Mr. Justice Whitleock. Desires a warrant for that amount.

[July 12.] 48. Minute of the above application of Sir Thos. Chamberlayne; with a report underwritten, but unsigned, in favor of granting the same.

July 12. Dover. 49. James Hugessen, junr., to the same. Arrival at "Poort in Portugal" of news of the defeat of the Spaniards and Portuguese by the Hollanders before the City of Todos los Santos in Brazil. At "port a port" they have dammed up two of the town gates, for fear of the English fleet landing there.

July 13. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To prepare a grant of creation of Sir Horace Vere to be Baron Vere of Tilbury. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 222.]

July 13. Plymouth. 50. Jo. Bere to Sec. Conway. Reiterates his request to be allowed the hundredth penny. [*See* 1625, *July* 4, *No.* 3.] Has disbursed 5,100*l.* for the payment of the 7,600 soldiers. Requests a speedy supply of money. Payments, 1,000*l.* weekly. Desires his favor for his son Edward, to be elected a scholar at Eton. Sir Henry Wotton, the Provost, wished him to be presented at this election.

July 13. Inner Temple. 51. Attorney General Coventry to the same. Lord Scrope is contented that Dr. Hodgson should be substituted for Sir John Bennett in the Council of the North. Has sent the warrant and a new schedule of the Commissioners to be signed by the King.

July 13. Andover. 52. The Duke of Buckingham to all his Vice-Admirals and other persons. Order to allow Jacob Johnson, whom the Duke had employed for the taking up of anchors, cables, and ordnance lost at sea, to work and use his skill in that employment. [*Copy.*]

July 13. Pottnie. [Putney?] 53. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Has received advice from Holland that the merchant who undertook to furnish money for the 6,000 men for the present month, will not do so. Offers to give order for such payment, provided the Council of War will direct present payment to him of 5,000*l.*, and payment of the remainder out of the first receipts. Provision must also be made for the month, which will begin on the 25th inst. He begs that his 20,000*l.* may be borne in mind. If he does not receive some part of it, it will be his ruin. [*French.*]

July 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Richard Grimes 114*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for mending the pales of Hampton Court Park, between Bushey Park and the North Park, and the pale adjoining upon Hounslow. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 36.]

July 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Sir Gawen Harvey 150*l.*, remainder of 600*l.* granted by the late King for the surrender of certain common of pasture in Hainault, within Waltham Forest. [*Ibid., No.* 37.]

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July 14. Richmond. 54. Richd. Forster to Sec. Conway. Was commanded by the Lords Ambassadors to wait upon him at Windsor for despatches for Mons. de Vique. Not being able to find a horse, he sends the bearer. A warrant is desired in Forster's favor, with a clause of special protection.

July 14. Marshall's Town, [near Carrickfergus.] 55. Robt. Willoughby to [the same]. Statement of the claim of himself and his brother Francis to the manors of Castle Carey and South Carey, co. Somerset, as surviving brothers and heirs male of Robert Willoughby, late Lord Brooke.

July 15. Sec. Conway to the Duke of Buckingham. Representing in general the state of divers things which require his presence at Court. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 223.]

July 15. Tottenham. 56. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Could not meet him in his passage by Lambeth. Is going to London, and will there speak with Sir Edwd. Cecil and Sir William St. Leger.

July 15. Dover. 57. Mayor of Dover to Sir John Hippisley. Barrels stayed at Dover contained no bullion. Isaac Marychurch, whose ship was taken by Dunkirkers, landed from Calais this afternoon. Details of the torture to which his men were subjected to make them confess that the goods on board belonged to Holland or Zealand.

[July 15 ?] [Rochester ?] 58. Duke of Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. The Duke has sent his secretary to see the King's pleasure signified by Lord Conway put in execution, which is for the delivery of the ships to such Frenchmen as the King of France shall appoint, that they may put into them as many men as they think good, and dispose of them as the King of France shall direct. Security is to be given for the ships by the Marquis d'Effiat, in his own name, and that of the Duke de Chevreux and Mons. de la Ville-aux-Clercs; and directions are to be given to Burlamachi to pay two months pay as soon as the ships are delivered. [*Draft; slightly imperfect*].

July 15. 59. Copy of the same.

July 15. Plymouth. 60. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Have endeavoured to provide the soldiers with necessary hose, shoes, and shirts, and some small proportion of breeches, to such as are in most necessity. The Paymaster, Mr. Bere, has disbursed to this day 6,200*l.*, besides 1,000*l.* for the necessaries before-mentioned. The remainder in hand not sufficient for a fortnight's pay.

July 16. London. 61. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. Will write from Oxford, where he hopes matters will go more smoothly than men's fears prophecy. That, and the increase and general spread of the plague, cause such distraction and consternation, that the like was never seen in that age. The number of deaths for four weeks was answerable to those in the first year of the late King, but this last week it is near a thousand greater, which makes all men hasten

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away. A kitchener of the King died at Windsor. Nethersole is going to drink the waters of Wellingborough till he must be at Oxford. Extreme wetness of the weather. Men make hay standing up to their ankles in water.

July 16. Gravesend. 62. Jo. Griffiths to Sec. Conway. Has failed in delivery of his letter to the Duke of Buckingham, in consequence of his Grace's unexpected return from Rochester. Could not therefore get a King's ship to take him across, and to attend the Lord Ambassador's [Sec. Morton's] return at Flushing. The States' man-of-war is gone and refused to take English passengers. Begs him to renew his application to the Duke to accommodate the Ambassador with a ship.

July 16. Summer Hill. 63. Frances Countess of Clanrickard to Buckingham. The Earl of Clanrickard has fallen of late extreme sick, and is not able to express himself with his own hand. At the last Assizes at Maidstone, he was indicted for recusancy, notwithstanding the late King's directions to stop any such proceedings. Prays the Duke to procure the King's directions to the Judges to free his Lordship from this vexation.

July 16. 64. Copy of the same, with a subjoined letter written by Ulick Lord Dunkellin to his brother [-in-law] Lord Compton, in order that he might get the matter dispatched in case of the Duke of Buckingham's absence.

July 16. 65. William Purnel [a priest from Seville in Spain] to his brother Thos. Purnel. A second letter of exhortation to embrace the true Catholic faith. Reasons which induced the writer to make change of his religion.

July 16. Maidstone. 66. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Nicholas is going to Dieppe with Mons. d'Effiat to see the King's pleasure signified by Lord Conway put in execution. He is not to make long stay at Dieppe, neither will the Ambassador, therefore, Nicholas hopes Pennington will hasten thither. In a postscript it is added that the Ambassador wishes Pennington to sail the next tide after receipt of this letter, and not to forget the Neptune. The Ambassador hopes to see Pennington on Monday night at Dieppe.

July 16. Rochester. 67. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. He is to hasten to Dieppe, with all the ships there, to meet Mons. d'Effiat, and to perform the King's pleasure as signified by Lord Conway.

July 16. [The Duke of Buckingham to the Officers of the Seaports.] Warrant to permit the Marquis d'Effiat to embark 20 horses. [*Copy. See Vol.* iv., *No.* 58.]

[July 16?] Nicholas to the Duke of Buckingham. Advises him seriously to consider that there be some safe course taken for the Duke's warrant and discharge respecting the delivery of the ships to France. The security that will be given for the restitution of the ships will be nothing worth, because it can only be enforced by a breach of the peace with France. [*Copy. See Vol.* iv., *No.* 58.]

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July 16. Windsor Castle. Grant in confirmation of a decree of the Commissioners of Sewers for the County of Essex, whereby certain lands were allotted to Cornelius Vermuyden in recompense of his charges for work done in the repair of Dagenham Breach. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 38.]

July 16. Windsor Castle. Presentation of James Hyatt to the perpetual vicarage and rectory of Croston, in the diocese of Chester. [*Ibid., No.* 39.]

July 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, and Sir Allen Apsley, Surveyor General of Marine Victuals, 2,703*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for setting forth five ships, one to carry the provisions of Sir Edward Cecil, and the rest to carry horses. [*Ibid., No.* 40.]

July 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Sir Richard Moryson, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 240*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for 200 gilt javelins and 241 gilt halberts for the King's Guard and Warders of the Tower of London, for the first year of the King's reign. [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

July 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to the same 2,106*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for additional ordnance stores for 13 of the King's ships, 70 other ships, and 10,000 land soldiers, with 449*l.* 10*s.* for re-enforcing ordnance stores. [*Ibid., No.* 42.]

July 17. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Coventry. To draw a book for Abraham Vanderdort to have the viewing of his Majesty's stamps for coin. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 223.]

July 17. The same to the same. Sending him the names of the Commissioners for the Council in the North; with order to renew the instructions. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 17. The same to Richard Forster. A warrant for him to pass to and fro without let or molestation. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 17. The same to Mr. Drake and Mr. Gallop. To certify their proceedings with one Mary Estmond, who pretends to be molested for refusing the oath of allegiance. And that in the mean time they shall do well to suffer her to go about her harvest business. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 17. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Eustace Norton, one of the King's Falconers, 12*d.* per day for his life, in continuation of an annuity of that amount granted by the late King. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol* I., *No.* 43.]

July 17. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Capt. David Boswell 100*l.*, residue of 200*l.* given him by the late King. [*Ibid., No.* 44.]

July 17. Windsor Castle. Warrant to Henry Sanford, Receiver General of co. Kent, to pay to John Philipot, Water Bailiff of Sandwich, 250*l.* towards the repair of the common gaol of the same town, commonly called Whitrodd Gaol. [*Ibid., No.* 45.]

July 17. Windsor Castle. 68. The King to all Justices of Assize and others of the King's officers. The late King gave directions that there should be no proceeding against Richard Earl of Clanrickard for recusancy, contrary to which directions he was indicted at the last General Sessions for Kent; it is the King's pleasure that no record be entered of his nonappearance upon such indictment, and that the directions of the late King be duly observed. [*Copy.*]

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July 17. 69. John Earl of Bristol to the Duke of Buckingham. Having received so positive an answer from the Duke by letter of May 2, it may seem unmannerliness further to importune, but the Earl is content to incur that censure rather than not do his utmost to let the Duke and the world see with how much earnestness he seeks the Duke's favour. The Earl hopes the Duke will at last afford it him.

July 18. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 70. Mayor of Weymouth to the Council. Henry Waltham having been again called upon to deliver up the Spanish ryals, replied, that if the Mayor would come into his house and break open the chest by force, he might, but otherwise, he should not have the same.

[July 18.] 71. Customer and Comptroller of Weymouth to Sec. Conway. That the Spanish money had been put into Henry Waltham's hands with their consent, he being such a merchant as yields to his Majesty 800*l.* or 900*l.* customs per ann. The money is ready to be delivered upon a discharge to Mr. Waltham.

July 18. 72. Sir Wm. Smith to Lord Treasurer Ley. His house is at the King's command, but he thinks it not large enough for the States' Ambassador. He had promised it to the Earl of Antrim, but will obey the King's command. Mr. Barker has a fitter house nearer Windsor.

July 18. 73. Note of all ships stayed at Dover, from the 10th of June to the 18th of July; with account of their lading.

July 18. 74. Another note of ships stayed at Dover for the same period.

July 18. 75. Another similar note.

July 18. London. 76. Henry Viscount Valentia to Sir John Coke, and the other Commissioners of the Navy. Desires shipping and victuals for 100 officers, and artificers, appointed to attend the train of artillery for the present service.

July 18. 77. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Buckingham. Has received the Duke's commission for the command of the Royal Defence, and is ready to do the best service in his power; but being undone by the Dutch, the Spaniard, and other hard fortunes, his power is not agreeable to his will. Having failed in procuring means upon security, he is constrained to refer himself to his gracious consideration.

July 18. Aboard the Vanguard in Stokes Bay. 78. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Has received his command to go for Dieppe, together with the merchant ships. The merchantmen deny to stir before their captains come. Pennington will go without them if their captains come not that night. He understands it to be his Majesty's pleasure that all the ships should be wholly at the disposing of the French King. It is too difficult a business for him to wade through, therefore he desires his Grace will call him home, and send some other more able for it. He will rather put his life at the King's mercy at home, than go upon these terms. He will take the ship according to the Duke's commands, and await the return of the bearer.

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July 18. Aboard the Vanguard in Stokes Bay. 79. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Conway. Will obey the commands he has received to carry over the ships, and then to let the French do what they will with them, hoping that it is the King's pleasure that he should return after his surrender to them. He rather desires to suffer at home than to be employed where he is sure to suffer dishonour.

July 19. Sec. Conway to Capt. John Pennington. Stating the reasons why he cannot be discharged from the service in the ships lent to the French King. It is added—"Herewith a letter from the Duke express in the business." [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 223.]

July 19. The same to the Mayor of Rochester. Calling for information touching a murder done by a Dutchman there. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 19. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. That the monies for extraordinary stages may be furnished, on account of the necessity thereof. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 19. Woking. 80. Buckingham to his "servant Nicholas, on board the Vanguard." On receipt of a letter from Capt. Pennington, the Duke sees the disorder which has happened, and is much troubled that the great respect which he desired should be given to D'Effiat's presence, should receive such a traverse. Nicholas is to endeavour to conform the captains and ships to D'Effiat's will. News has been received of peace having been concluded between the French King and those of the religion. It may be that D'Effiat, on hearing the same, will put an end to these questions, "having not the use he expected." Sir Ferd. Gorges is going in person, and is to advise with Nicholas. All contentment possible is to be given to D'Effiat.

July 19. 81. Draft of the above, in the handwriting of Sec. Conway.

July 19. 82. Fair copy of the same.

July 19. The Court at Woking. 83. Sec. Conway to Capt. John Pennington. Sees the perplexity he is in between obedience and desire to do what is honourable. The Duke has employed Mr. Nicholas to advise with him, that this work may be conducted to the satisfaction of the French King, the honour of the Marquis d'Effiat, and yet with equity to his Majesty's subjects. Cannot join with him in seeking his leave to quit that service. The King will pass by any weakness that arises from good intentions.

July 19. 84. Copy of the preceding.

July 19. The Court at Woking. 85. The Duke of Buckingham to the same. Cannot but wonder at the withdrawing of the mariners from their duty and obedience, especially when the Marquis d'Effiat was present. Requires him to carry his ship and sailors to the service of the French King, together with the rest of the ships, according to directions given to Nicholas, who is there that he may witness their behaviour. Marvels that he, a Captain, upon the instant of his obedience required, should ask leave to withdraw.

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July 19. 86. Hugh Hammersley, Governor, and the Company of the Turkey Merchants, to Sec. Conway. Whensoever his Majesty shall command their attendance, they hope to give satisfaction, as well for the continuing Sir Thos. Roe, as that his Majesty will be pleased to give the Company leave to make choice of a fit person for that employment, to be approved by his Majesty, a liberty they enjoyed under Queen Elizabeth and King James.

July 19. Sec. Conway to the Turkey Company. The King cannot admit them to his presence, but requires them to send their exceptions in writing against Sir Thos. Phillips. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 19. 87. Copy of the same.

July 19. 88. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to the King. Seeing the French Ambassador has prevailed that the ships are again to go to Dieppe, where he promises to give all content, Sir Ferdinando desires that he may have leave to go thither in his own ship, to conclude for what is fit in honour and justice.

July 19. 89. The same to Buckingham. Urges the same request, that he may see the conclusion of the French promises for their satisfaction.

July 19. 90. The Duke of Buckingham to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, in answer to the two preceding letters. The King intends as much equity to his subjects, as he expects obedience from them. Considering the wisdom, moderation, and wise guiding of Sir Ferd., the King is well pleased that he should go in person to Dieppe. [*Draft, in the handwriting of Sec. Conway.*]

July 19. 91. The Council to the Justices of Middlesex. Inhabitants of Tottenham receive into their houses multitudes of inmates. His Majesty may have to pass along that road, and some of his servants dwell there. Order is to be given to remove new-comers, and prohibit the receiving them in future. [*Copy.*]

July 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant to pay to Charles Marcadet, Jeweller to the Queen, 3,000*l.* for jewels bought of him by her Majesty. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 46.]

July 20. Woking. Warrant to pay monthly to Sir Henry Vane and Sir Marmaduke Darrell, Cofferers of the King's Household, 1,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for the expenses of the Queen's Household. [*Ibid., No.* 47.]

July 20. Woking. Warrant to pay annually to Sir George Trenchard and Sir William Bamfield, Captains of Sandisford Castle, co. Dorset, 69*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, for the wages of a porter, a master gunner, and five other gunners, over and above 45*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for the wages of the Captain and his three servants. [*Ibid., No.* 48.]

July 20. Woking. Warrant to the Exchequer to give order to the Mint to receive 400,000 ecus, money of France, part of the Queen's portion, which is to be speedily coined and paid into the Exchequer, to await the King's further warrant. [*Ibid., No.* 49.]

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July 20. Woking. Warrant to pay to Daniel du Plessis, Bishop of Mende, Chief Almoner to the Queen, 2,000*l.* a year, for charges incident to the Queen's chapel and oratory, and all ecclesiastical persons and servitors belonging to the same. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 50.]

July 20. Woking. Warrant to pay to Sir Oliver Cromwell 300*l.*, impressed upon account for special service. [*Ibid., No.* 51.]

July 20. Windsor. 92. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. Has received a Privy Seal for payment of 4,878*l.* No money now in the Exchequer. Cannot pay this sum out of the portion money without special directions. Sends back the warrant to be altered.

July 20. 93. Sir Arthur Ingram to the same. His name left out of the Commission for the North. No Secretary since the erection of the Court but has had his place in the Council. Would this had been all. The alum business has given a great wound to his estate. Solicits Conway to move the Duke to give way that his name may be put on the Council.

July 20. Imworth. 94. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Particulars of management of Sir Dudley's property at Imworth. The King and Queen went yesterday from Windsor, the King to Woking, the Queen to Nonsuch. A few days since there died two of the sickness at Windsor in a house where the Queen's priests were lodged, who were presently sent to one of the towers in Hampton Court. The sickness is very much about Kingston and its neighbourhood. They are in such straits for money at Court as is not to be spoken. Lord Conway promises payment for the troops as soon as possible.

July 20. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 95. Mayor of Weymouth to his brother [Barnard Michell]. This morning Price, the Messenger, arrested Henry Waltham near the Customers' House. Waltham had consulted the Customers upon every occasion what answer he should make to the Mayor. *Incloses,*

95. I. *The Mayor to the Council.* 1625, *July* 6. *Copy.*

95. II. *The Mayor to the Council.* 1625, *July* 9. *Copy.*

95. III. *The Mayor to the Council.* 1625, *July* 18. *Copy.*

July 20. Woking. Warrant to pay to Thomas Mynne, Knight-harbinger, 72*l.* 2*s.* for attendance with two Yeomen-harbingers at Suffolk House from the 18th April to the 11th May, for receiving and accommodating the train of the Count de Tremes, Ambassador Extraordinary from France. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 52.]

July 20. Woking. Lease to William Earl of Pembroke, of the forest and chace of Exmoor, in cos. Devon and Somerset for 21 years, and of the manor of Exmoor for 14 years, at rents amounting to 48*l.*, with liberty to build a lodge in the forest. [*Ibid., No.* 53.]

July 21. Woking. Grant to Thomas Bond and Leonard Dare, and the survivor, of the office of Receiver of the Revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the Counties of Berks, Bucks, and other adjoining counties, on the surrender of former grants to Sir Jerome Horsey and William Hackwell. [*Ibid., No.* 54.]

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July 21. Woking. Letters patent to William Beale for the sole making and uttering of a cement and water for preserving ships from hurt by gunpowder and the hulls from barnacles, for the term of 14 years, with a reserved annual rent to the King of 40*s.*, and a proviso that the patentee should not teach the secret to any stranger. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 55.]

July 21. Woking. Warrant to pay to Sir Henry Mildmay, Master of the King's jewels and plate, 310*l.* for a chain and medal of gold, bestowed by the King on Capt. Balthazar, one of the retinue of the Queen. [*Ibid., No.* 56.]

July 21. Dorchester. 96. Mayor of Weymouth to his brother Barnard Michell. Has sealed a bill of health for Henry Waltham, who intends to answer at the Council table. Had offered to persuade the messenger to accept bail, and give Waltham 10 days' time to appear, if he would deliver up the money.

July 21. Aboard the Vanguard in Dieppe Road. 97. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. On Monday at 9 a.m. he received Nicholas's letter and the Duke's. He sent for the Masters of the merchant ships and signified the Duke's pleasure. They said they were willing to go for Dieppe, but their company would not. Pennington then sent for the rest of their officers, and charged them in the King's name, but they all denied to go; whereupon, as he could not force them, he had come without them, but not without great trouble from his own people. Had encountered dangerous storms, and "had it been to save the world, could [not] have made greater expedition." Had sent his boat to bring Nicholas aboard.

July 21. Burghley by Stamford. 98. Wm. Earl of Exeter to [Sec. Conway.] Intreats his Majesty's leave to be absent from the Parliament at Oxford on the 1st of August, having given his proxy to the Duke of Buckingham.

July 21. The Court at Woking. 99. The Council to the Mayors of Weymouth, Dartmouth, and Plymouth. Divers ships appointed to serve in the fleet, are sent to those ports to take in part of their provisions. The Mayors are to see them properly and quickly supplied, and that the ships' companies do not loiter on shore after their provisions are taken in. [*Copy.*]

July 22. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. Recommending Mr. Wyche for monies, being to be despatched away. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 22. Woking. Warrant to pay to Jehan Caille, Treasurer to the Queen, for her Majesty's use, 4,000*l.*, residue of 5,000*l.*, Madame Jehan Marquise de St. George having received 1,000*l.* [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 57.]

July 22. Woking. Assignment to John Bonnall of the King's interest in two gardens near the Minories, Bonnall building thereon a house for the keeping of silkworms for the King's use. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

July 22. Woking. Lease to Sir James Fullerton for 41 years of the herbage of Gillingham Park, co. Dorset, at the ancient rent of 11*l.* also of 2,408 acres of waste, at the rent of 12*d.* per acre, the latter to be improved for the King. The lessee to maintain 400 deer in the park. [*Ibid., No.* 59.]

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July 22. Dieppe. 100. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Ambassador wishes Pennington to come on shore to receive a letter, signifying his Majesty's pleasure what he is to do. Pennington cannot refuse to come to receive his Majesty's pleasure without declining his service.

July 22. 101. The same to the same and to the ship's company of the Vanguard. He demands to know whether they would leave the ship—provision being made, if they would not serve the French King, for their passage to England—or take on board 300 Frenchmen. [*Draft.*]

July 22. 102. Copy of the preceding, with note of the reply of the company of the Vanguard, July 23; that they would take aboard 150 French without arms, and convey them to some port of England, and there leave the ship to them. A similar note of a further demand made by Nicholas on the 24th, for a specific answer to his former questions.

July 22. 103. Nicholas's minute of Capt. John Pennington's request to have a warrant from the King or the Lord Admiral, to require him and his company to give up the Vanguard to some person by name.

July 22. Dieppe. 104. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Ambassador is much troubled with Pennington's refusal to deliver his ship, and will send to the King to complain against him. He wishes Pennington to come to him to-morrow to accommodate the business, or to send him an absolute answer that night. Nicholas cautions Pennington to be well advised therein, considering that this is a business of great consequence to two great Kings, as well as to Pennington himself. In a postscript Nicholas begs Pennington not to go away until they have spoken together.

July 22. Dieppe. 105. The same to Buckingham. Last night Capt. Pennington came alone with the Vanguard. This morning the French Ambassador delivered to him the Duke's and Lord Conway's letters. The Captain considers the warrant not full enough, and craves one from his Majesty or the Duke, to discharge him clearly of his ship, and to require him to deliver her into the hands of such a person by name. He refuses to have any hand in the valuation, and desires to know how his men are to be disposed of. For his excuse he alleges that it is without precedent for a Captain of a King's ship to deliver over the same into the hands of a foreign prince, or meddle with a valuation of her. The Ambassador is much troubled, and will not allow Nicholas to return. The latter begs that some more able person may be sent in his place. A confident report of peace between the French King and Soubise. Nicholas beseeches the Duke, as he desires honour and security, to take good advice, and provide a sufficient warrant for what he does. [*Draft.*]

July 22. 106. Sir Lewes Lewkenor's bill for coaches, and attendance upon the Duke de Chevreuse, Mons. de Ville aux Clercs, and the Marquis d'Effiat, Ambassadors Extraordinary from France, from June 16 to July 22, 1625, (217*l.*)

[July 23.] 107. Declaration of Sir Ferd. Gorges and the other owners and captains of the merchant ships hired for the service of the French King, on what conditions they were willing to part with the possession of their ships. [*Copy.*]

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July 23. Hanworth. 108. James Earl of Carlisle to Thos. Carey of the King's Bedchamber. The Duke having disposed of the chain of diamonds sent for Boisrobert, the Queen Mother's poet, the King is to be moved to save 200*l.*, out of the 500*l.* assigned for the poet, by sending him a chain of 300*l.* or 300 pieces.

July 23. Plymouth. 109. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The Lord Treasurer has remitted to the Mayor 9,312*l.* He has paid out 7,400*l.*, and 1,000*l.* is to be employed for necessary clothing. The remainder will not suffice to discharge next week's pay. Dangerous consequences likely to ensue from the poverty of the countryman and the need of the soldier.

July 23. [Dieppe Road.] 110. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Sends the form of a letter to the King, for him to peruse and show the Ambassador. If they "like of it" he will write it fair, and send a gentleman with it; or the Ambassador may send 100 or 150 mariners aboard to go over with them to any port of England, and there receive the ship if the King pleases. Begs Nicholas to come aboard, for Pennington's people are in a mighty mutiny, and swear they will carry him home by force. He thinks Nicholas's words will do much amongst them.

July 23. Aldershot. Presentation of Thomas Shawe to the rectory of Aldingham, in the deanery of Furness and Cartmell, and diocese of Chester. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 60.]

July 23. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to William Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Great Wardrobe, 5,000*l.* imprest, on account of the funeral of the late King, and for blacks for the Queen and her train. [*Ibid., No.* 61.]

July 23. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to Edmund Lord Sheffield 500*l.* for his pressing occasions, over and above sums ordered to be paid by the late King, on account of his pension out of the rents and profits of the alum works. [*Ibid., No.* 62.]

July 23. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to such person as the Duke of Buckingham shall appoint to be Treasurer of the land soldiers 20,000*l.* imprest, on account, to be disbursed according to the Duke's directions. [*Ibid., No.* 63.]

July 23. Aldershot. Warrant for the delivery of 5,000*l.* to such person as the Duke of Buckingham shall appoint, for the provision of 2000 corslets in the Low Countries, and for transportation of 2,000 men out of those parts to Plymouth. [*Ibid., No.* 64.]

July 23. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to Sir William St. Leger 4,878*l.* for the imprest of 49 Captains, at 10*l.* apiece; 14 Lieuts., at 5*l.* apiece; 42 Ensigns, at 4*l.* apiece; 50 horses for cannon, at 12*l.* apiece; 600 qrs. of oats and 100 loads of hay, 400*l.*; 10,000 shirts, 1,250*l.*; 10,000 pair of shoes, 1,000*l.*; 100 colours, at 5*l.* apiece; 200 drums, at 2*l.* apiece; the money to be paid to the Colonels. [*Ibid., No.* 65.]

July 23. Aldershot. Regrant to James Earl of Annandale of an annuity of 200*l.*, granted by the late King in consideration of a grant made to him by the said King of the park of Plumpton, co. Cumberland, for 40 years, which did not take effect, by reason that the tenants in possession claimed estates in the premises not yet expired. [*Ibid., No.* 66.]

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July 23. Aldershot. Commission to the Lord Treasurer, and the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being, to grant leases of such of the King's lands as are within the survey of the Exchequer. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 67.]

July 23. Woking. 111. Ralph Hopton to Lords ——. Arrived at Deal on Wednesday 20th; necessary to avoid Canterbury for the great infection and the apprehension at Court. The Court removes to-morrow, and draws towards Oxford to the Parliament. Delivered his letters to Lord Conway, who brought him to the Duke, and they both to the King. The States Ambassadors had said that they saw not how the treaty could be concluded this year nor next year without the King of France joined in it.

July 24. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To send money presently to the Cofferer, for provisions for the King and Queen's Household. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 24. The same to Sir Edward Cecil. Recommending Mr. Glinn for a company. [*Minute, ibid.*]

July 24. Yarmouth. 112. The Officers of the Customs at Yarmouth to Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household. Desire to be informed whether the orders of the Council for restraint of the exportation of fullers' and other earths include potters' earth.

[July 24?] 113. Petition [of the clothiers of Suffolk] to the Council. Offering suggestions for the preservation of fullers' earth within the kingdom.

July 24. Dieppe. 114. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Ambassador had sent his Secretary to receive Pennington's "last answer." Nicholas advised him to take good heed therein, for it was a business of the greatest importance that ever he could meddle in.

July 24. 115. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Answer to Nicholas's demands. Pennington will receive as many Frenchmen aboard as he conveniently may "without pestering the ship and breeding infection." He cannot deliver up the ship on the Lord Admiral's letter or Lord Conway's warrant, neither, if he would, would the company give way to it. For what Nicholas says to him from the Lord Admiral, unless he shews instructions under his Lordship's hand, Pennington can do nothing.

July 24. Dieppe. 116. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Ambassador [Marq. d' Effiat] will stay no longer. Nicholas advises Pennington to give a more full answer what he will do by the bearer, who is the Ambassador's Secretary. A note indorsed of a reply made to a demand for the delivery of the ship. [*Draft.*]

Juy 24. Aboard the Vanguard. 117. Articles propounded by Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington, soliciting an answer in writing whether he would receive the French soldiers on board or quit the ship.

July 24. 118. Copy of the preceding.

July 25. Sec. Conway to the Duke of Buckingham. Sending him letters touching the ships to serve the French King; his Majesty will not alter former directions. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 25. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. For a Privy Seal for 300*l.*, gift to a Frenchman, Boisrobert. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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July 25. Sec. Conway to the Mayor of Rochester. Renewing the former direction of certifying touching the murder committed by a Dutchman. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 25. [Dieppe.] 119. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The French Ambassador will not go thence till Thursday, provided Pennington will assure him by writing, that in case he does not receive by that time a command from the King or the Lord Admiral contrary to what he has already received, he will deliver up the ships to his Lordship. [*Draft.*]

July 25. Aboard the Vanguard. 120. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Knows not what to write more than he has formerly delivered. Is willing to do anything he may with safety of his life, but for delivery of the ship, without express warrant from the King, his company will not yield to it, nor for taking 400 Frenchmen aboard, which indeed is a riddle to speak of. Has read his letter to the company, which has put them in such a rage and mutiny that they swear they will carry away the ship for the Downs. [*Copy.*]

July 25. Dieppe. 121. Nicholas to Capt. Pennington. He has prevailed on the Ambassador not to go thence till Thursday next, provided Pennington will assure him that in case he receives not by that time a command from his Sovereign or the Lord Admiral, contrary to what he has already received, he will deliver up his ship, at which Nicholas thinks he need not make any difficulty. If the Ambassador goes away they would be much troubled.

July 25. Dieppe. 122. The same to Buckingham. Reports the proceedings of the day before and that morning, adding, that that afternoon whilst he was waiting on the Ambassador, there came news that the Vanguard was under sail. Going to see, he found it true, which he would have sworn was a thing impossible. The ship left about 4 or 5 o'clock, the weather being tempestuous. The Ambassador very much troubled. He will not stir, nor allow Nicholas to depart, until he receives letters from the Duke. Nicholas begs he may not be again trusted with an employment so much above his abilities. [*Draft.*]

July 25. Windsor. 123. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. On Friday last he gave Mr. Cofferer's man warrants for 1,400*l.* for the present supply of the Household. Between the 8th and 22nd July the Cofferer has received 4,473*l.* 19*s.* 7½*d.* None of the borrowed money has yet come in. If there be any want, the occasion must be between the Cofferer and the Purveyors.

July 25. Windsor. 124. The same to the same. Has not heard any farther of the Privy Seal for Sir William St. Leger, which he returned to be rectified. Sends a note of other payments, the warrants for which should be in a similar form. *Incloses,*

124. 1. *Note of the sums necessary to be provided for ordnance, victualling, and other warlike provisions. Totals, at present* 7,984*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, *hereafter,* 2,355*l.* 10*s.*

July 25. Amesbury. 125. Sir Francis Seymour and others, Justices of Wilts, to the Council. In obedience to the Council's letter, they had sent for divers persons for taking money of soldiers pressed to serve under

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Count Mansfeldt. They have all promised to make restitution except John Franklin, constable of Marlborough, whom the writers have bound to appear before their Lordships at Oxford. If he escapes without punishment, it will encourage others to buy and sell the King's subjects. *Inclose,*

125. I. *Examinations of Henry Crooke, Eliza Rawlins, and Robert Rawlins, proving payment of* 16*s. to John Franklin.*

July 25. 126. Sir Robert Karr, Master of the Privy Purse, to Sec. Conway. There is not so much in the Privy Purse as will give the nurse of Madame Chevreuse and the midwife that which must be done for the King's honour. Of a Privy Seal of 1,500*l.*, he cannot get a penny to this day. For "this Frenchman," if Conway will despatch him, he shall be repaid out of the first that comes in. Is so out of love with his miserable place that he never receives a letter willingly that calls him by his title.

July 25 London. 127. Governor and others of the Turkey Company to the same. The Company is dispersed by reason of the infection. On their return, and when the King shall afford them access to his person, they will give full satisfaction for the continuance of Sir Thomas Roe, or for a free election of his successor. Intreat the despatch of the messenger from Turkey.

July 25. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyors of Marine Victuals, 3,031*l.* 10*s.*, and to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 4,612*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, before the fleet goes forth, and 9,396*l.* at the end of the service, such payments being a surcharge on account of the navy. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 68.]

July 25. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to Henry Wickes, Paymaster of the King's Works, such sums as shall be due to him for provision for the two Houses of Parliament, adjourned in regard of the infection to Oxford, and to be held there on the 1st day of August; also for removing the Exchequer and the records thereof to Richmond; also to pay to the overseers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 100*l.*, being the King's bounty for the relief of the poor in this time of infection. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 69.]

July 25. Aldershot. Warrant to pay to Boisrobert, "a Frenchman," 300*l.*, as of his Majesty's bounty. The King has added, "This must be despatched with all haste." [*Ibid.*, *No.* 70.]

July 25. Aldershot. Warrant to Sir Adam Newton to receive from the Lord Treasurer and others, Commissioners for the management of lands which belonged to the King before his accession, the rents and profits of the same, and to apply the amount in payment of the King's debts before his accession. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 71.]

July 25. Aldershot. Warrant to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries; Sir Benj. Rudyerd, Surveyor; Sir Walter Pye, Attorney; Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver General, and to the Auditors General of the said Court, to pay to Sir Adam Newton 3,000*l.* per annum, to be applied in discharge of money taken up at interest for the King's occasions before his accession. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 72.]

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July 26. Aldershot. Grant to Sir Henry Mallory, David Ramsey, John Shotbolt, and others, of the mines royal in the Counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon, Northampton, Merioneth, and Pembroke, and of all treasure trove in the co. of Lincoln for 21 years, yielding a tenth to the King. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 73.]

July 26. Windsor. 128. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. Sends a bill by Sir Wm. Courteen for his Majesty's signature, and to pass by immediate warrant. Sir Wm. freely lends his money for supply of the King's instant occasions, and that without interest of the old debt. Wants the Privy Seals relating to the navy and army; also Sir Peter Vanlore's, which is also for borrowing of money.

July 26. Plymouth. 129. Mayor and Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Some of the ships arrived there had been visited with sickness. Sir Francis Stewart and other captains had lodged the sick on the shore under sails. Seek directions what is to be done with them if the ships are to sail as ordered.

July 27. Oxford. 130. Dr. John Prideaux, Vice Chancellor of Oxford, to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. Sir John Hussey came infected from London and died at Oxford. Dr. Chaloner, being in the same house, has since died. Infection in other parts of Oxford. All Souls' College is shut up.

July 27. Windsor. 131. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. Has received a Privy Seal for payment of 3,000*l.* to Chas. Marcadet. There is not in the Exchequer sufficient to satisfy it. Desires it may be made payable out of the part of the portion to be returned by bills of exchange. They will not be paid for two months, but Marcadet is well content with that payment.

July 27. 132. Capt. John Pennington to the King. By warrant from Lord Conway, he had been directed to give up the command of his ship and the merchants' ships, and also to receive on board so many persons as it pleased the French King to put in the ships. These commands are contradictory. He durst not surrender so great a charge without express order from the King. He had offered to take aboard as many soldiers as he conveniently could, but nothing would satisfy them save the possession of the ship; and because he would not yield, they reviled him as a rebel, and the French Ambassador gave him over to do what he would; whereupon his company weighed anchor and returned to the Downs. They did it without acquainting him; but he knew of it and connived at it, otherwise they should never have done it. Has been offered pensions or present payments, but he had rather live on bread and water than be an actor in this business, wherein he should be a traitor to the King and his country.

July 27. On board the Vanguard in the Downs. 133. The same to Sec. Conway. Has received his warrants, and endeavoured to obey them. Refers him to the Duke of Buckingham for a particular account. Has done his best to give content, but nothing would satisfy the French but the surrender of the ship, for which he conceived he had no warrant; he has therefore returned to the Downs.

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July 27. Aldershot. Letters patent granting to Edward Knapp the sole making, for 14 years, of an invention how, by axletrees of iron and springs of steel, coaches may be made stronger, be kept with less charge, and be of more ease, with a reserved annual rent to the King of 40*s.* [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 74.]

July 28. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. Recommending Mr. Huncks. Supply of money shall be sent in due time. His continuance wished by all. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 28. Woking. Grant of pardon to Ezekiel Grosse, of Camborne, co. Cornwall, of the fine of 2,000*l.* set upon him by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for adultery with Elizabeth Merifield, and also of an indictment for saying that "The King and the Prince" (*i.e.* the late King and the present) "are both rank papists; if it were not so, then why should the King send the Prince over into Spain with the arch-papist of England, the Duke of Buckingham?"—with other words of a like kind, for which he had also been informed against in the Star Chamber. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 75.]

July 28. 134. Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain, to Capt. John Pennington. The King is assured that war will be declared against Spain and Milan, and that peace is made with the protestants, he therefore desires Pennington peremptorily to obey his last direction without reply. The contents to be communicated to Sir Ferd. Gorges. [*Copy.*]

July 28. Richmond. 135. The King to the same. Without difficulty and delay he is to put the King's former command in execution, for consigning the Vanguard into the hands of the Marquis d'Effiat, with all her equipage, artillery, and ammunition. He is also to charge the seven merchant ships to put themselves into the service of the French King, and in case of backwardness is to use force to compel them thereto. [*Copy.*]

July 28. Richmond. 136. Buckingham to his servant Nicholas. The bearer carries an ample and express command to Capt. Pennington for delivering the Vanguard. On delivery of the ship, Nicholas is to receive the caution stipulated by the contract, and then to return.

July 28. Richmond. 137. The same to Capt. John Pennington. The King is extremely offended with him for his delay in consigning the Vanguard, and has sent him a strict and express warrant, which, if he desires to make his peace, he must not fail punctually to obey. He and the merchants may do so with better courage, peace being made with those of Rochelle. [This letter is dated "August" instead of "July."]

July 28. Aboard the Neptune. 138. Nicholas to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and the Masters of the Merchantmen. Calling upon them to answer in writing whether they will deliver over their ships in accordance with Lord Conway's letter, and upon the security agreed upon at Rochester. Underwritten is their answer, declining the security of the Ambassadors, and requiring the security of merchants in Paris, to be transferred to London, to be irrevocable, and such as may not be protected by the prerogative or authority of Princes.

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July 28. Plymouth. 139. Sir John Ogle to [Sec. Conway]. Has lately received a letter from the Duke encouraging him to go on in his charge wherein he therefore thinks to continue. If he could have come off, he would have retired to his books, being much better fitted for that silent society than to converse with the world. Knows that Conway is un seigneur craignant Dieu. *Incloses,*

139. 1. *Letter from himself to the Council, of same date as above, in which he gives account of the present condition of the army, urging especially the need of money.*

July 28. Durley. 140. Katharine Duchess of Buckingham to her cousin Mrs. Porter. Refers to Dr. More as to her health. Did not doubt they should be merry again at York House. Bramzill is sold. By living where they were awhile, they should redeem themselves out of debt.

July 28. Richmond. 141. Two inhabitants of Richmond to Lord President Mandeville. His Majesty being at Richmond on that day, the writers complained to the Lord Steward, that citizens of London resorted thither, notwithstanding the proclamation which forbade persons from places infected to come near any of his Majesty's houses. His Majesty's pleasure is that a warrant be issued for compelling such persons to remove.

July 28. Woking. 142. Pass granted by Sec. Conway to John Danker, sent by the Master Falconer to procure falcons for the King. [*French.*]

July 29. Wimbledon. 143. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sec. Conway. Desires to know on what day himself and the Colonels shall attend the Duke at Oxford. Solicits that the troops at Plymouth might not want money, that the despatch of the 2,000 men from the Low Countries should be thought upon, that the press for 3,000 men might be hastened, and also that there might be a press for drums and surgeons. Suggests a weekly report from Plymouth, and that his commission and instructions might be thought upon.

July 29. In Dieppe Road. 144. Masters of the English merchant ships to the Marquis d'Effiat. Before they receive security they will deliver none of their ships. Send the valuation, which they will stand unto. It is as lawful for the owner to set his own price as for the buyer to leave or take. Desire a present answer. [*Copy, in the handwriting of Nicholas.*]

July 29. 145. Note of books and clothes belonging to Jo. Davis, [a recusant].

July 30. 146. Lord Mayor [John Gore] to the Council. He had used all diligence to prevent the spreading of the infection. Within the walls of London it has not raged as in the skirts of the City. Will persevere in the personal execution of his charge.

July 30. Battersea. 147. Oliver Viscount Grandison to Sec. Conway. A restraint of the House of Commons has been laid upon the Treasurers of the subsidy money, in payment of moneys for the supplies of horse and foot sent into Ireland. If not revoked, those supplies will presently be broken, to the great prejudice of the security of that kingdom.

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July 30. Rycot. 148. Wm. Earl of Pembroke to the Clerk of the Signet. Warrant intimating the King's pleasure, for the preparation of a bill for payment to Francis du Gerdin, of 1,200*l.* on surrender of a former Privy Seal, and of 9,500*l.* for a fair jewel, set with four great diamonds, delivered to the Duke of Buckingham, provided payment of the latter sum be not made out of the second payment of the Queen's marriage money.

July 30. Plymouth. 149. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The treasure being exhausted, they urge a speedy supply. They cannot satisfy with words the hungry bellies of the soldiers nor the empty purses of the hosts; nor can they secure the country from damage. Affrightments and daily terrors by reason of the infesting of the coasts by Turkish men-of-war. Alarm for ships returning from Virginia and other places. Stoppage of the coasting trade, and consequent dearth of victuals.

July 31. Sec. Conway to Lord Chief Justice Crewe. In regard of the infection, the prisoners in the King's Bench may have the benefit of Habeas Corpus to go abroad with keepers, and employ themselves to labour: yet leaving their petition to his consideration. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 224.]

July 31. 150. Warrant for payment of 2,000*l.* to the corporation of Berwick, towards building a church in that town according to a model lately presented to the King. [*Copy.*]

July 31. 151. Inventory of the rigging and stores belonging to the Vanguard, in the charge of Rich. Edwards, boatswain.

July 31. Childhaye 152. W. Drake and Roger Gollop to Sec. Conway. They answer the complaint of Mary Estmond. On searching her house for armour, there were found various copes, crucifixes, relics, and popish books. Refusing the oath of allegiance, she was committed to the Assizes, but breaking faith with the constable fled away, whereupon the Judge of Assize bound over the constable to produce her.

July 31. Rycot. 153. Order of Council that the Spanish bullion seized at Weymouth should be delivered to John James, he putting in security to answer for the value thereof, and to cause the same to be minted into coin at the Tower.

July 31. 154. Valuation of the seven merchant ships appointed to serve the French King; total 34,901*l.* 10*s.*

July 31. Newhall. 155. John Tradescant to [Nicholas]. It is the Duke's pleasure that Nicholas should deal with merchants trading to foreign countries to furnish the Duke with all manner of rare beasts, birds, and plants. Several countries are enumerated with the kinds of articles desired to be obtained from each.

[July 31.] 156. Note of articles desired from Guinea.

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July 31. Rycot. Warrant to pay to Sir Peter Vanlore, out of the two last subsidies, 20,000*l.*, whereof 10,000*l.* was lent to King James, and the remainder is now to be lent to the present King; interest to be paid on the 10,000*l.* up to June 24th last, at 10 per cent., and thenceforward at 8 per cent. on the whole sum. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 76.]

July 31. Rycot. Warrant to pay to Abraham Vanderdort, during pleasure, 40*l.* per annum, for making patterns of stamps of the King's coins, and assisting the Engraver of the Mint. [*Ibid., No.* 77.]

July 31. Rycot. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Douglas, 2,000*l.* for acceptable service done to the King. [*Ibid., No.* 78.]

July 31. Rycot. Proclamation for removing the receipt of the Exchequer from Westminster to Richmond. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 21.]

July 31. Nonsuch. 157. The Queen to Sec. Conway. Thanks him for assistance rendered on her recommendation to Marcadet, her Jeweller, and begs him to continue the same. Affection testified to her service secures her good-will.

[July ?] 158. Robt. Earl of Essex, Sir Edwd. Harwood, Sir John Burgh, and others to the same. Having been asked to consider a scale of payment for officers of the army, they report that the sums mentioned are so small, that they hold no manner of proportion with the pays of other Christian Kings.

[July ?] 159. Note of request by the Duke of Lennox, and the Duchess his mother, that on the next avoidance of the Mastership of Trinity College, Cambridge, whether by the death or removal of Dr. Maw, the King might be moved to confer the same on Dr. Topham, the Duke's tutor.

[July ?] 160. Report of Capt. Edward Leigh, as to the condition of the forces billeted in Cornwall. In that county there were 2,455 serviceable men, and 192 unserviceable.

[July ?] 161. Remembrances for Sec. Conway of business necessary to be done with reference to the troops at Plymouth; commission to be prepared for the Lord Marshal; with letters for a press of 2,000 men, to make up the required number, and other formal documents.

[July ?] 162. "Remembrances for Mr. Murray," being representations to be made by him to the King, concerning the misconduct of the conductors of the troops sent to Plymouth; and great abuses in the arrangements for victualling.

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Aug. 1. 1. Estimate of charge for setting forth two of the King's ships and three pinnaces, with 445 men for 3 months (6,541*l.* 12*s.*)

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Aug. 1. 2. Lord Mayor [John Gore] to the Council. Submitting to consideration an order made at the Assizes for Essex, forbidding the resort of carriers and higglers to London. If the City be straitened of victuals, it will not be in the power of the few magistrates that remain to restrain the violence that hunger may enforce. *Incloses,*

2. 1. *Copy of the order alluded to, dated* 1625, *July* 25.

Aug. 1. On board the Great Neptune, in the Road of Dieppe 3. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Nicholas. Wishes him to give the Ambassador (d'Effiat) to understand that he cannot persuade his people to stay there any longer; the weather being stormy and the road dangerous, they conclude a necessity to return to the coasts of England, where they shall attend his Excellency's farther pleasure. Gorges regrets that he cannot return his respects for the honour the Ambassador did him in the Marquise's coming aboard, and also in his sending "his two young jewels" to Sir Ferdinando the day before.

Aug. 2. 4. Warrant for payment of a Privy Seal for 3,000*l.* to Charles Marcadet, the Queen's Jeweller, out of that part of the portion which is to be remitted by bills of exchange. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 2. Portsmouth. 5. Owen Jennings [Jenens] to Nicholas. The skipper of the Red Lion, from Dantzick, is very much discontented that he cannot get his freight and permission to depart. Perishable commodities in ships stayed at Portsmouth are wasting. Recommends they should be sold.

Aug. 2. Plymouth. 6. James Bagg to Buckingham. His charge in victualling the fleet compels his stay from Parliament. Divers towns have written to their burgesses of the daily oppression of the Sallee and Turkish pirates. There are 20 sail on the coast, and within six days they have taken two ships' worth 5,000*l.* Hopes some ships will be provided, that it may appear to the House a remedy was ordered ere the complaint was presented. Fears of the inhabitants on the coast. Campaine was at Sallee on June 23. English ships and goods are stayed at Rochelle because they fear the Vanguard and other English ships will come thither. The ships for the expedition are now victualled, but the mariners are out of clothes, which causes sickness, and there is hardly a surgeon aboard. If the land soldiers be not better clothed, sickness and mortality amongst them may be feared.

Aug. 3. On board the Vanguard. 7. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. He has now returned with a sufficient warrant, and is ready both to surrender his ship into the hands of the Ambassador, so soon as he provides barks to carry the crew off, and to cause the rest of the ships to do the like, or sink by their sides.

Aug. 3. Plymouth. 8. Mayor of Plymouth and his brethren to Sec. Conway. The lamentable complaints received from the captives in Sallee to the number of 800, under the barbarous cruelty of the Moors, and the danger of the ships coming from New England and Newfoundland, enforce them to supplicate the Council for speedy redress, or the whole country will have cause to rue it.

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Aug. 3 — 9. Particular of such provision of victuals as remains on board the Vanguard.

Aug. 3. — 10. Copy of the preceding, signed by the Marquis d'Effiat, and attested by Nicholas.

[Aug. 3]. — 11. Inventory of the carpenter's store on board the Vanguard.

Aug. 3. — 12. Copy of the preceding, signed by the Marquis d'Effiat, and attested by Nicholas.

Aug. 4. — 13. Terms on which the owners of the merchant vessels are content to deliver up their ships to the Marquis d'Effiat:—security of English merchants, a month's present pay for the men, and security for another month.

Aug. 4. — Sec. Conway to the Turkey Company. His Majesty will forbear pressing them touching an Ambassador to Constance [Constantinople], till the times will permit they may come to his presence; but did not well relish their presuming on Sir Thomas Roe, or a free election. His Majesty would give the Turkey messenger access if he knew where he had resided, but conceives it will not be pressed. He wonders they should demand of his Majesty a reward from him, the merchants having ever given it. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 225.]

Aug. 4. Woodstock. — Proclamation prohibiting the keeping of Bartholomew fair and Sturbridge fair. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 22.]

Aug. 4. — 14. State of his Majesty's affairs as declared by Lord Conway and Sir John Coke, by his Majesty's command, at the meeting of the Parliament.

[Aug. 5?] — 15. Speech of [Sir Thomas Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household], in the House of Commons, at Oxford, advocating the grant of two subsidies and two fifteenths as a crown to their former gift.

Aug. 5. — 16. Contents of Sir Edw. Coke's speech in Parliament at Oxford, in reply to the argument for the grant of a further supply to his Majesty, founded upon his present great necessity. [The paper is dated Aug. 4, but it appears from the Com. Journ. I., 810, that the speech was spoken on Aug. 5.]

Aug. 5. Oxford. — 17. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sir John Ogle. Mr. Stephens, the bearer, had been appointed by the Lord General the Duke of Buckingham an ensign in the troops under Sir John Ogle's command at Plymouth.

Aug, 5. On board the Great Neptune, off Beachy. — 18. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sec. Conway. He propounded terms to the Ambassador for himself and the merchants, which seemed to be approved. In the meantime Capt. Pennington returned with the King's order to put the Vanguard in the hands of the Ambassador, and to cause the merchants to do as much. The Ambassador thought by that opportunity to be master of Gorges's ship in despite of him, and refused to give the required security. Thereupon Gorges set sail for England, giving the Ambassador notice that he would attend his commands when his terms were complied with. If he has omitted anything he was bound to do, he submits his life and goods to be disposed of at the King's pleasure.

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Aug. 5. Aboard the Great Neptune, off Beachy. 19. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Buckingham. Recapitulates the causes of his refusal to deliver up his ship to the French Ambassador. His whole estate, besides 3,000*l.* he is indebted, was in his ship. He chose rather to submit to the King's pity for his estate and life, than give them to strangers. The King should take the ship into his own possession, and dispose of it to the French. Gorges cannot better dispose of his goods than transfer them to the King's disposal.

Aug. 5. 20. Inventory of the gunner's store of the Vanguard when she was delivered to the French Ambassador.

[Aug. 5?] 21. Remembrance of what was agreed with the Ambassador at Dieppe, respecting the payments for the ships lent to the French.

[Aug. 5?] 22. Memoranda made by Nicholas at Dieppe of, amongst other things, "the wants and oversights of those that undertook to manage this business of the eight ships, for the French." He adds an account of the gratuities given by the French at the delivery of the Vanguard; total, 137*l.* 4*s.*

Aug. 6. Exeter. 23. Sir Richard Hutton, Justice of the Common Pleas, to Lord Keeper Williams. Sends a petition delivered to him by the Grand Jury of Devon. The lamentable outcries of the wives of those who have been taken by the Turks, and the pitiful complaints of others, would move any Christian heart. Letters from the prisoners relate strange and new devised tortures. Fears for the Newfoundland fleet. *Incloses,*

23. I. *Petition of the Grand Jury of Devon to Sir Richard Hutton, praying him to make known to the King or the Council what great inconveniences are likely to befall if speedy course be not taken to suppress the piratical infidels who infest those parts.*

Aug. 8. Poole. 24. Mayor of Poole to the Council. The Anne, of Poole, had been captured by the Turkish pirates, 8 or 9 leagues from Plymouth. Unless the Council take it into their consideration, the Newfoundland fleet of 250 sail, and having on board 4 or 5 thousand men, of the Western parts, will be surprised. The Turks threaten that within 2 years they will not leave the King sailors to man his fleet. *Incloses,*

24. I. *Examinations of Nich. Nurrey, Robt. Rapson, and Thos. Marryner, respecting the capture of the Anne, of Plymouth, and the strength of the fleet of Turks.*

Aug. 8. 25. Petition of both Houses of Parliament to the King, concerning matters of religion, presented July 9, 1625, with the King's answer delivered this day by the Lord Keeper. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 8. 26. A copy of the preceding.

Aug. 8. 27. Another copy of the same.

Aug. 8. 28. The King's answer to the petition concerning religion. [*Copy.*]

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Aug. 8. London. 29. Nicholas Leatt to Sec. Conway. The Ambassador from Algiers is in no ways satisfied to depart without kissing the King's hand. Leatt thinks also he expects some return present from the King. Wishes he might go away contented. Peace depends much on his report. If the King would give him a ring of 100*l.* or two, it may give him content, and the Turkey Company will not be sparing to gratify him further. His stay here has cost the Company 800*l.*; the ship to carry him is ready and is to depart on Monday next. Possible advantage to the expedition now fitting out of securing good treatment at Algiers.

Aug. 9. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. There is 6,000*l.* coming to him. Some of the Colonels will be speedily with him; the Lord Marshal and the rest will shortly follow. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 225.]

Aug. 9. 30. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. Proceedings in the Parliament at Oxford. The King's speech; explanations of Sec. Conway and Sir John Coke; objections to supply raised by those who "usually stand stiffest for the country"; reflections against the Duke, and injudicious defence by Mr. Clarke; conference with the Lords; great increase of the plague in London.

Aug. 10. Chatham Dock. 31. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends George Strange for appointment as Purser of the Charles, and various others fit to be employed when places fall void.

Aug. 10. East Looe. 32. Justices of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Lieut. Entreat that speedy course may be taken to free the coasts of Turkish pirates. The inhabitants of the coast towns are deprived of their fishing, and are like to receive far greater loss on the return of their shipping from Newfoundland.

Aug. 11. Oxford. 33. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. At the meeting of the House of Commons yesterday morning, the Chancellor of Exchequer delivered a message from the King, that the time for the contemplated expedition would be quickly past, and he therefore prayed us to give a speedy answer, assuring us that if his necessities were supplied, we should have a Winter session for reformation of things complained of. He further desired a speedy answer, and urged that this was his first request. The question of supply was excellently spoken to on both sides. Statement of arguments *pro* and *con*. But that which moved most was, that the Duke of Buckingham had said that he had proceeded by the advice of the Council of War, but Sir Robert Mansell avowed the contrary, and undertook to prove that the expedition was not well counselled, nor likely to prosper. The debate having been adjourned was resumed that morning, when great complaint was made of piracies on the Western coasts, which were laid to the fault of the Lord Admiral. The House then proceeded to the "bold avouchment of Sir Robert Mansell," and tomorrow is appointed for him to make good what he has said.

Aug. $\frac{11}{21}$ 34. Note of Faculties granted by Pope Urban VIII. to "Father B. and Father C.," to be exercised within the dominions of the King of Great Britain, for 7 years; with notes of previous similar grants to other persons.

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Aug. 11. Oxford. Letters patent authorising the issuing of briefs for a general collection to be made for the relief of the poor and distressed people in London and Westminster. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 23.]

Aug. 12. Plymouth. 35. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. They are not only humble petitioners but importunate solicitors for a second supply of money. The hosts have not been paid these three weeks. The soldiers complain, their diet is impaired, and they are of a dejected spirit; the countryman also complains of the charge and trouble of the soldier, and that although his money is not paid the subsidy is shortly to be collected.

Aug. 12. Plymouth. 36. Mayor and his Brethren of Plymouth to the same. Are enforced to write by the grievous complaints and daily losses which they receive through the Turks, who have taken in one year, besides ships, 1,000 mariners. Looe, in Cornwall, has in the last ten days lost 80 mariners, and within the same time there have been 27 ships and 200 persons taken. General fear for the ships from Virginia and Newfoundland. The pirates are 26 or 27 sail strong. Sir Francis Stewart sent out 5 ships against them, but they are far better sailers than the English ships. Within 3 days the English ships left them and returned to Falmouth.

Aug. 12. Woodstock. Warrant to pay 300*l.* per annum to Ralph Heaton and Matthew Walker, assignees of John Atherton, John Blanch, and John Smith, being rent reserved on a demise to Sir John Bourchier, of certain closes in Skipton, co. York, whereon the alum works are now erected, and which closes were assigned by Sir John Bourchier to the late King. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 79.]

Aug. 13. Hatfield. 37. Wm. Earl of Salisbury to ————. Marvels how he comes to demand his quarter's annuity to Midsummer 1624, having sold the same to the Earl in May 1624. Requires payment of his rent.

Aug. 13. Woodstock. 38. Duke of Buckingham to Stephen Countrie. Appointing him Captain of a company of 100 men, to the charge of which he would be admitted at Plymouth by Sir John Ogle, Col. Gen. of the army there.

Aug. 13. 39. Cover of letter from Mr. Fotherley to Nicholas. Docqueted as having contained a request that the duplicate of the Duke's patent of Lieut. Gen. of the fleet might be delivered to Sir Edwd. Cecil.

Aug. 13. Woodstock. 40. Duke of Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy. To order payment of 3*l.* per diem to Capt. Pennington, Admiral of the eight ships lent to the French King from the date of the contract made with the Marquis d'Effiat to that day. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 14. Woodstock. 41. Note by Thos. Meautys, Clerk of the Council, that the Council that day resolved that the fleet should go forth with all possible expedition, and that to expedite the setting forth of the same, his Majesty should, by Privy Seal, desire a loan of money from his subjects.

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Aug. 14. Woodstock. Proclamation recalling his Majesty's subjects from the seminaries beyond seas, and directing the laws against Jesuits and priests, to be put in execution. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 24.]

Aug. 14. Woodstock. 42. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. Continues his account of what had passed in the Parliament at Oxford up to its dissolution on the 12th inst. Contradictory statements of Sir Robert Mansell and Mr. Solicitor [Heath]. The former questioned before the Council, but thinks all will go well with him. Meeting of the General and Colonels of the fleet. Intended movements of the Court. *Incloses,*

42. 1. *Declaration made by the House of Commons just previous to the dissolution, of thanks for the King's answer touching religion, and of their determination ever to continue his most loyal and obedient subjects.*

Aug. 14. Plymouth. 43. Mark Willes to Nicholas. The goods stayed at Dover were being released through the intervention of the French Ambassador.

Aug. 14. Dover Castle. 44. Tho. Benson to the same. Disputes with Sir John Hippisley; Benson wishes he were removed. Was in hope to have seen Nicholas at Dover on his return from France. Shipwreck on the Goodwin Sands.

Aug. 14. Imworth. 45. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. The sickness so violent in London, that there is no intercourse of boats from Kingston. Those that go to London must not return into the country. At Woodstock, where the Court is, none may go from thence to return, nor any come thither, and for contraveners a gibbet is set up at the Court gate. The Parliament holds at Oxford. Last week's deaths were 4,855; of the plague, 4,133; not counting Westminster and the outlying parishes, where there died above 1,000. The week before there died 4,517, of the plague 3,659, and in Westminster of the plague 97. The priests that were at Hampton Court were suffered to go away and shift for themselves. The King and Queen were at Richmond, at the christening of the Duke of Chevreuse's daughter and the Count de Tillieres' son, the day the King took his journey to Woodstock, which was July 28; on August 1, the Queen followed him. A letter just received from Sir Richard Harrison, that on some discontent order is given to dissolve the Parliament.

Aug. 15. Plymouth. 46. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Burlamachi had written about money, but the merchant who was directed to furnish 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* cannot in 14 days make provision of 1,000*l.* Ogle is encouraged by assurances of the continuance of Conway's affection.

Aug. 15. Plymouth. 47. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Send reports of the condition of the troops. Complaint of the conductors of the Essex men, and of those from the Isle of Ely. The defect in clothing of the men from Devon was occasioned by one Pinney, of Exeter. Few outrages committed by the soldiers. A mutiny amongst the Londoners; one of the ringleaders executed by martial law.

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Aug. 16. Ash. 48. John Drake to his cousin Jas. Bagg, [Vice Admiral of Cornwall]. Came last night from Oxford. "We are unhappily dissolved." Doubts not but he has heard how the Duke had been dealt withal by Sir Robert Mansell and others. Hopes he will bear up in despite of all his enemies. Press-warrant granted by Sir Francis Stewart to an improper person. If Sir Francis had heard what was said in Parliament, he would have had more care to whom he granted his commission. Hopes Sir Francis has gone against the Turks, for so the Duke promised. He also promised to see the writer's house as he came down. Wishes to be apprised by a messenger as soon as the time of his coming is known.

Aug. 16. 49. Sir Francis Stewart to Buckingham. He replies to complaints of the Western gentlemen of his negligence in securing the coast. Having "run up" the Channel, and met many ships who assured him the coast was clear, he returned to Plymouth to victual. On the first rumour of the appearance of the Turks, he sent several ships to sea, who gave chase to the Turks, but were beaten back by stress of weather. Other ships ready to set to sea with the first fair wind. In lieu of these complaints to Parliament, he would have petitioned for an act to have fair wind. The Lion is leaky, and the men are fallen suddenly sick for want of clothes and of vinegar to wash between decks. As long as the Turks are supplied with necessaries by the Flemish freebooters, and the Newfoundland fleet will not arm themselves for their defence, these picaroons will lie hankering upon the coast, unless it be resolved to sack Sallee, which some report easy to be performed. The unfriendly conduct of Mons. de Soubise towards the English. *Incloses,*

49. I. *Report of Mervin Burley, Capt. of the Mary Constance, which put to sea after the Turks, but was driven back by stress of weather.*

49. II. *Examination of Robert Cornish, as to ill treatment of himself and other Englishmen at Rochelle.*

49. III. *Information of Richard Malim, concerning ordnance taken from an English ship at Rochelle, and its consequent capture by the Turks.*

49. IV. *Memorandum of Julian Patron, that by virtue of a commission from De Soubise, he had taken certain ordnance out of an English ship.*

Aug. 16. 50. George Warburton to Sec. Conway. Lord Conway having procured the writer a presentation from the King to the rectory of Shorwell, in the Isle of Wight, his right is contested by Mr. Leigh. Requests Conway to procure him a letter of recommendation from the King to the Bishop of Winchester.

Aug. 17. Hadley. 51. Rowland Backhouse to [Sec. Conway.] He has received a letter addressed to the Merchant Adventurers, and will forward it to the Secretary.

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Aug. 18. [Oxford.] 52. Dr. Jo. Weston to Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household. He sees not wherein persons or learning might receive loss or hindrance if the term were kept in Oxford.

Aug. 18. 53. Petition of Samuel Pauson, Theophilus Wright, Archibald Niccols, and others, to Buckingham; having sustained great losses from the Dunkirkers, they obtained letters of reprisal, and seized a Scottish ship with Dunkirk goods bound for Spain; proceeding to unlade her, they were stopped by a countermand from the Duke. They pray that they may have their legal and just trial in the Court of Admiralty. Goods stayed at Dover are sent away colourably to Calais by Hugessen, the prime factor for the Dunkirkers, as the petitioners undertake to prove.

[Aug. 18 ?] 54. [The same to Sec. Conway.] Similar appeal to him. The former stay pretended by Sir John Hippisley is not the fact. He and Hugessen pervert the stay of goods at Dover to their private ends.

Aug. 18. Bristol. 55. Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol to the Council. Three Turkish pirates have surprised and taken the Island of Lundy, with the inhabitants. They also have taken divers people about Padstow, and have threatened to burn Ilfracombe. Trade with Ireland endangered. The Newfoundland fleet daily expected.

Aug. 20. 56. Petition of Jacob Corneleson to Buckingham. Went pilot in a ship of Denmark to Spain. Being surprised by the Turks, the crew abandoned the ship, leaving him alone. The Turks having captured the Danish ship, transferred themselves to it, putting the petitioner and eight others of their slaves on board their former ship, which the petitioner thereupon brought into the Isle of Wight. Prays that he may have the ship for his pains, being an old Dutch ship of small value.

Aug. 20. The Tower. 57. Sir Allen Apsley to the same. Has supplied the place of such provisions as have fallen out amiss. Has to pay, mostly at Plymouth, 3,500*l*. Prays an imprest to that amount.

Aug. 21. On board the Lion. 58. Sir Francis Stewart to the same. There had been brought unto him a ship suspected, under circumstances which are stated, to be a Dunkirker. Had nailed down her hatches, and put men on board, until the Duke's pleasure be known. Had 8 ships plying between Ushant and Cape Clear, and 4 between Plymouth and Sallee.

Aug. 21. Freshwater. 59. George Warburton to Mr. Harris or Mr. Glover, or any of his Majesty's Gentlemen Ushers. A Scottish gentleman has been set on shore at Freshwater. He names himself "Sir David Barkley," and says that he has been employed in Spain. Being extremely sea-sick, he wished to be set ashore, that he might be refreshed before he should repair to the King. The writer wishes to know if this man be what he pretends.

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Aug. 21. [Bramshill.] 60. Sir Edw. Zouch to Sec. Conway. Lord Zouch died on Thursday last [18th inst.] Had left his lands to the writer, and appointed him executor. Gave nothing to his heirs-general, who contest the will. Both the late Lord's daughter's children are under age. Prays for their wardship, and to be appointed a Dep. Lieut. and Justice of the Peace.

Aug. 22. 61. Sir John Leigh to the same. The writer's son sealed a presentation of Shorwell to Geo. Warburton, but looking with a more curious eye into his conversation and carriage, the writer saw cause to revoke his son's act, and to present another person. Prays Lord Conway to write to the Bishop of Winchester against Mr. Warburton.

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 62. The King to Chas. Earl of Nottingham and John Earl of Holderness, Lord Lieutenants of Surrey. By letters of May 5, order was given for the levy of 10,000 land soldiers, of which number some are dead, some have escaped, and many are discharged for insufficiency. To supply these deficiencies, 2,000 men are now to be levied. They are required to give order for the levy of 150 in Surrey. [Indorsed, "Letters from the King for levies; not sent."]

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 63. The same to Wm. Earl of Salisbury. Similar letter for the levy of 150 men in co. Hertford.

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 64. The same to Hen. Earl of Huntingdon. Similar letter for the levy of 100 men in co. Leicester.

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 65. The same to George Duke of Buckingham. Similar letter for the levy of 150 men in co. Buckingham.

Aug. 23. 66. Form of warrants from the Council to the Duke of Buckingham, Sir Edward Cecil, and others, to impress drummers for the army at Plymouth.

Aug. 23. Freshwater. 67. Sir Edw. Denys to Sec. Conway. The Scottish gentleman is either weak indeed, or so pretending. Sir Edw. had taken order for his passage on the morrow at sun-rising, and entreated Mr. Urry to conduct him to Lord Conway at Hampton. Sends a letter which the Scottish gentleman had written to Sir James Fullerton.

Aug. 23. Freshwater. 68. George Warburton to the same. Explains his conduct in reference to the Scottish gentleman, who says that he received his commission from the late King the day before he died, in the presence of Lord Kelley.

Aug. 23. From aboard the Great Neptune in Stokes Bay. 69. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to the same. Requests warrant for the master of his ship to answer for several mutinies and disorders. Entreats help of some of the men of the King's ships to bring his ship into harbour.

Aug. 23. Plymouth. 70. Sir John Ogle to the same. The 6,000*l.* negotiated by Mr. Burlamachi is all due to the troops. The number of officers is now so great that the weekly charge will be much increased. Only 1,200*l.* arrived in specie. Has seen Col. Bruce and his commission, in which Sir John is styled Col. General. Dares not take such

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dignity upon him without warrant, and desires not to do so unless the Duke goes in person. 700 men deficient to make up 8,000. Ships come in apace. His Excellency [Sir Ed. Cecil] or the Duke is expected at Plymouth. The troops are no way qualified to receive so great a General.

Aug. 23. Southampton. 71. The Council to Buckingham, Lord Lieut. of Bucks. Giving him special directions to be observed in the choice of 150 men to be levied in his county, and to be ready at Plymouth on September 12.

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 72. Wm. Earl of Pembroke to Sec. Conway. To take into his care the Earl's servants, Henry and Roger Vaughan, and to "think them unable to square with the reputation of a Privy Seal."

Aug. 24. Fulham. 73. Capt. John Pennington to [Nicholas?]. Can get no money. As soon as he can get it will come to Court and be thankful to him in another kind. Has pressed 4 ships. The Garland and other 3 pinnaces nearly ready to take in their victuals. Begs to have his warrant for taking charge of the Garland. Recommends Edmund Button, his Lieutenant, and John Pett, son of Phineas Pett, to command pinnaces. Solicits for Thos. Nelmes to be master of the Garland. All his men were paid and disappeared before his coming home. They had no more than the King's pay, notwithstanding the great allowance from the French.

Aug. 24. Fulham. 74. The same to Buckingham. More minute account of the ships mentioned in the last letter as having been pressed. Difficulties in victualling from want of money. The Great Neptune to come from Portsmouth to the Downs. 40 sail of ships and 3,000 men coming out of Dunkirk next spring-tides. Archduchess and Spinola there to see them sail.

Aug. 24. 75. George Warburton to Sec. Conway. Explains the reason of the stay of the Scottish gentleman. He is really infirm, and is certainly a man of breeding and parts.

Aug. 24. Freshwater. 76. Sir David Barclay to Sir James Fullerton, "Groom of the Stool" to the King. To save his life he had been put ashore in the Isle of Wight, where he is well entertained, only the danger of the time makes the country fearful to admit him into any house. In Spain he had seen the Duke d'Olivarez, who had told him that the insolency of England had so tempted Spain that they behoved to be revenged, and that they were about to make descent upon Ireland, which was to be aided by a course which was being taken at Dunkirk. Sir James McConnell much laboured with to make a disturbance in the Isles of Scotland. One Colvill, son to old Capt. Colvill, was sent from Brussels into Ireland to survey Derry, which is the first thing they aim at. Rumour at Madrid on the 20th July that our King was killed.

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Aug. 25. Tottenham. 77. Sir John Coke to Buckingham. Had sent carpenters to repair the Lion. Want of particularity in Sir Francis Stewart's complaints. It was not intended to clothe the mariners in harbour to make them handsome to run away. His Grace should give direction to survey the victuals. Has pressed the Lieutenant [Sir Allen Apsley] to go to Plymouth, and to send a Deputy along with the fleet, as was done in former voyages. Carriages ordered for the three forts in the Downs. Mr. Evelyn to proceed in making powder in as great quantities as he can. Danger lest Harwich should be surprised. Its present condition and importance.

Aug. 25. Aboard his Majesty's ship Phœnix, in King Road, near Bristol. 78. Chas. Harris to Nicholas. Campaine departed from Broadhaven about June 1, but whither he is gone no man certainly knows. The writer's ship's company paid on the 16th, being a whole year behind, and now he is ready with the first wind. Has sold his prize but given days of payment. The surprise of Lundy by the Turks most untrue.

Aug. 25. Holbury. 79. Sir Jas. Fullerton to Lord Treasurer Ley. It is his Majesty's pleasure that Sir David Barclay be sent to the Court. The King is acquainted with the reasons of his repair hither and return from Spain.

Aug. 25. Holbury. 80. The same to Sec. Conway. It is his Majesty's pleasure to grant Michael Andrewes a pension of 150*l.* per annum, for life, in continuation of a similar grant made to him when the King was Prince of Wales.

Aug. 25. Harold Stone. 81. Sir James Perrott to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. As his Deputy Vice-Admiral sends examinations touching the depredations of the Turkish pirates on the South-west coast, with entreaty that he would move the King that there may be some course taken for fortifying Milford Haven, as was intended when the Earl's father was President of Wales. *Incloses,*

81. I. *Examination of Nicholas Cullen. The Turks took out of the church of "Munnigeesa" in Mounts' Bay, about* 60 *men, women, and children, and carried them away captives. They continued at Lundy a fortnight. He saw the Turkish ship lying in the road of Lundy.*

81. II. *State of Milford Haven with relation to the propriety of its being fortified.*

[Aug. 25?] 82. Another paper by Sir James Perrott on Milford Haven, and the importance of its being fortified.

Aug. 26. Southampton. 83. Order of Council, made on the request in the letter of Sir Allen Apsley, dated August 20, that he should be supplied, as Victualler of the Navy, with 3,000*l.* out of the 20,000*l.* assigned as a stock for the navy.

Aug. 26. Southampton. 84. Order of Council on consideration of the complaints against pirates. That one more of his Majesty's ships be added to the number allowed and set forth for scouring the Narrow Seas.

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Aug. 26. Tottenham. 85. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Suggests that until Harwich be in some sort fortified, some commander be sent thither to have the trained soldiers in readiness against sudden attempts. The King is in debt to Mr. Evelyn for gunpowder 2,550*l.*; and the Treasurer answers that there are no monies for him. His estate will not afford to deliver any more. Mills of the East India Company, set up in the skirts of Windsor forest, stopped by command, because the deer receive prejudice. This order should be inquired into.

[Aug. 26?] 86. The King to [Sir Edward Cecil]. Instructions setting forth the objects contemplated by the expedition against Spain, and in what manner he was to proceed towards their accomplishment. [*Incomplete draft.*]

Aug 26. Holbury. 87. George Duke of Buckingham to Sir Edw. Cecil, Lieutenant General and Lord Marshal of the fleet and land forces now ready to go to sea. Instructions on the expedition set forth against Spain. [*Draft.*]

Aug. [26?] Plymouth. 88. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Has a very unfit and unable body for action. Desires that he may be favoured with being allowed to retreat with such expedition as may be most convenient. Sends list of Captains left out by the Lord Marshal. Ships and officers come down daily; of the latter more store than provisions for them. *Incloses,*

88. I. *Note of Captains omitted in list sent by the Lord Marshal.*

Aug. 27. Southampton. 89. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Sec. Morton arrived at Dover the 21st, and on the 24th came hither, making no stay by the way, not even to see his lady. The King and the Treasurer promised Carleton payment of the 1,850*l.* now due to him. Burlamachi sends letters from his house at Putney every week. Few adventure into London. Last week's bill of mortality was above 5,000, and this week's above 4,000: when the fuel lessens, the fire cannot be so great, but the violence of the sickness is not abated. The Lords are about to send to the Mayor, that the infected shall be sent out of the City to tents and cabins in the fields. No likelihood that the King will come near London this winter. When he goes hence, it will be to Salisbury. No man comes into a town without a ticket, yet there are few places free. Only one house infected in that town, but one died that day without the town, in the fields. He came from London. He had good store of money about him, which was taken before he was cold. Levy of 2,000 men to make the number at Plymouth up to 12,000.

Aug. 27. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. His commission stands in force till the Lord Marshal arrive, at which time he shall see how the Duke disposeth himself. Letters are written for new levies. A report that the Duke will go to Plymouth. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 225.]

Aug. 27. The same to Francis Earl of Rutland. For preserving the game about Lincoln, his Majesty intending to repair thither this winter. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 226.]

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Aug. 27. Holbury. George Duke of Buckingham to Sir John Hippisley, Lieut. of Dover Castle. To hasten the 4 ships taken up to reinforce the fleet which is to lie before Dunkirk. To give order for mustering the Trained Bands, and see to their arms. If necessary, to call in the out-guard of Dover Castle, to stay all ships and goods belonging to Spain, and to see that Dunkirkers' goods are not transported to Calais. To consider whether vessels laden with stones might not be sunk in Dunkirk harbour, or whether some stratagem might not be used to fire the ships there. To order Jas. and Cornelius Hugessen to appear forthwith before the Duke to answer charges brought against them. [*Copy. See Vol.* I., *No.* 48.]

Aug. 27. 90. The Mayor and Commonalty of Bristol to the Lord Admiral. Praying him to appoint some of his Majesty's ships to remain about the Land's End to defend those parts against the vengeance of the Turks, and also to grant the Corporation of Bristol a commission to arm ships to defend the river Severn.

Aug. 27. George Duke of Buckingham [to his Dep. Lieuts. for the co. Bucks]. Sends a copy of the Council's letter for levy of 150 men in their county [1625, Aug. 23], and charges them to see every particular put in execution. [*Draft. See Vol.* V., *No.* 71.]

Aug. 28. Tottenham. 91. Sir John Coke to Buckingham. The ships to guard the Narrow Seas cannot be ready till the end of next week. In the meantime a warrant might be sent to Sir John Hippisley to stay in the Downs all ships which carry above 10 pieces of ordnance, to make head there as occasion shall require.

Aug. 28. 92. The same to the same. The transports for the horses will receive their provisions from the Tower next week. The ships to guard the Narrow Seas are making ready. Nothing shall stop them but want of money. The Duke is requested to intimate to the Lord Treasurer what prejudice it is to the kingdom, that Mr. Evelyn stays his hand from supplying gunpowder.

Aug. 28. [South] Hampton. 93. Jo. Woodford to Sir Francis Nethersole. Sec. Morton, being sick of a fever, has communicated Sir Francis's letter to the writer, that he might move his Lord [Conway?] to do Sir Francis the service which he had requested of Sec. Morton. He hopes to send Sir Francis some resolution to-morrow.

[Aug. 28.] 94. Act whereby Bishop Laud of St. David's consecrated a chapel, erected by himself within Abergwilly house. [*Draft, with alterations in the Bishop's hand.*]

Aug. 29. Southampton. 95. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. The Lord Treasurer says that there is but 680*l.* in the Exchequer; but on payment of the first subsidy, which will be in October, Carleton shall be paid. Locke has reported this answer to the Sec. [Morton], who has kept his chamber these two days. He says that he will have a better answer.

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[Aug. 29.] 96. Petition of John Caresme to Buckingham, for the delivery of the Little Rose, of Newhaven, which had been captured by pirates, and taken into Weymouth, where it was stayed by the Mayor; with unsigned minute of reference to the Judge of the Admiralty.

Aug. 29. Burghley. 97. Wm. Earl of Exeter to Sec. Conway. Sends letter from his Dep. Lieuts. of Northamptonshire, written on making known his intention to take the Musters. Has stayed his proceeding till he understands his Majesty's pleasure. *Incloses,*

97. 1. *Francis Earl of Westmoreland, and other Dep. Lieuts. of co. Northampton, to Wm. Earl of Exeter, Lord Lieut. Considering the danger of assembling the county in this infectious time, they pray that the Musters may be deferred.* 1625, *Aug.* 29.

Aug. 29. Stanford Le Hope. 98. Wm. Towerson to the Council. It will be needless to change the market of cloth. The harvest causes that there is no such store made as at other times of the year; and after harvest, by that time the cloth will be ready, the sickness will have abated. The merchants will not resort to any new place.

Aug. 30. Southampton. 99. Order of Council that 300*l.* be issued for fortifying Harwich, and 200*l.* for better securing the three forts near the Downs.

Aug. 30. Plymouth. 100. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Is neither in body nor mind qualified for action. Begs leave to retreat from thence and thereafter from the press of the world. Arrival of the troops under Capt. Courteney.

Aug. 30. Plymouth. 101. The same to Buckingham. The troops out of the Low Countries have arrived. His Commission does not extend to them, but only to the first 8,000. Indisposition of body and other weaknesses force him to crave his dispensation in point of longer attendance.

Aug. 30. Southampton. 102. George Duke of Buckingham to the Admiral of the Narrow Seas. There is special occasion that there should remain in the Downs some good ships for the safety of that part of the coast. He is to stay all merchant ships which carry ten pieces of ordnance. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 30. [South] Hampton. 103. Jo. Woodford to Sir Francis Nethersole. His Lord [Conway ?] will write to Sir Francis, but first intends to move the King. His Majesty is at Beaulieu hunting, and his Lordship at this town attending the Council. Mons. Blainville expected as French Ambassador Extraordinary. The King is going to Plymouth next week. Sec. Morton has a tertian.

Aug. 30. Southampton. 104. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Mr. Sec. Morton is this day well amended; he was in a fever and very ill for two or three days, now the danger is past. He has not yet given account of his negociation to the King by reason of his illness.

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Aug. 31. Holbury. 105. The King to Sec. Conway. He is to direct a warrant to the Lord Treasurer for payment of 1,000*l.* to Patrick Black, the King's Tailor, and Ric. Seymer, sent into France by the Master of the Robes for necessaries requisite for the King's speedy use and service.

Aug. 31. Sec. Conway to Sir John Coke. A person has been sent to Harwich to exercise the troops, and order will be given for strengthening the place. Mr. Evelyn will receive satisfaction. No cause why the East India Company may not proceed in their powder works. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 226.]

Aug. 31. The same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal for 300*l.* to be delivered to the Queen's Treasurer for the French Heralds. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Aug. 31. Southampton. 106. The Council to the Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of co. Brecknock. The Commissioners at Plymouth have certified that Roger Williams, one of the conductors of co. Brecknock, has misdemeaned himself, as appeared in an enclosed paper. They are to examine into the truth of these particulars and certify the result.

Aug. 31. Plymouth. 107. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. They know not how to govern themselves concerning the troops brought by Capt. Courteney. Care taken by the Commissioners to lodge and billet the men and to store up the arms and fireworks. Solicits speedy directions. The poorer sort, with whom the soldier is billeted, begin to groan under the burthen. *Incloses,*

107. 1. *Capt. Wm. Courteney to Sec. Conway. He delivered the* 2,000 *men received at Hull to Ambassador Carleton in Holland, who directed him to take them to Plymouth, which he has done. Solicits further directions.* 1625, *Aug.* 31.

Aug. 31. Deptford. 108. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Mr. Fenn comes to solicit Privy Seals for the charge of the second fleet. The writer urges his long suit about the reversion of Mr. Fleming's place. Sir John Coke's month of attendance as a Master of Requests will commence on the morrow.

Aug. 31. Dover Castle. 109. Sir John Hippisley to the same. Has sent the two Hugessens. James is the man whose credit has been used in setting out the four ships, for Sir John has neither money nor means. The Dunkirk and Frenchman are both forward. The pinnace is victualled for 6 months. Mr. Jacob, of London, has three chests of silver in the Castle, his own goods; he will carry it to the Mint, if Sir John may deliver it to him. Mr. Griffith's pay should be stopped, for he does not give his attendance. Wines stayed ought to be sold or the new vintage will be here.

Aug. 31. 110. The Council to Buckingham, Lord Admiral. No ship coming into any of the King's roads or harbours between this and the going out of the fleet should be suffered to depart. The Duke is required to give order for the same. Also to sell perishable goods stayed at Dover, first having them appraised.

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[Aug. ?] 111. Mem. for the Duke of Buckingham to enjoin Mr. Evelyn to continue his monthly supply of powder; Sir Tho. Bludder undertakes to give his Majesty 48 barrels of powder and pay Mr. Evelyn 1,700*l.*

[Aug. ?] 112. Petition of Tho. Askew and Jas. Stroude to Buckingham. Pray for reparation of their loss by the capture of the Hopewell of Faversham, by a frigate of Blanckenberg in Flanders.

[Aug. ?] 113. Opinion of "my Master" that his Majesty would do favourably and well to grant the fine of Henry Stafford, grandchild of the then Lord Stafford, to the Earl of Arundel for the use of the ward.

[Aug. ?] 114. Names of recusants in the co. Hereford, convicted upon record in the Exchequer.

[Aug. ?] 115. Account of moneys issued from the Exchequer, probably during parts of the months of July and August 1625.

[Aug.] 116. Petition of the "now commanded Captains for his Majesty's service at sea" to Buckingham. The ships now in the Thames fitted for the present service are of 320 tons and upwards, and are charged with 18, 16, or 14 demiculverins. The petitioners are given to understand that it is intended to reduce the number of men from 80 to about one half. They pray that no order to that effect be made until they have been heard thereon.

[Aug. ?] 117. Certificate of George Lord Carew, Henry Lord Danvers, and Sir Thos. Button, that Captain John Donne, having served in France, Ireland, the Low Countries, and with Sir Francis Drake, and being desirous to be employed in some command in this journey, is recommended by the subscribers for honesty and ability.

[Aug. ?] 118. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Portsmouth to the King. The town is grown into great decay for want of trade; they pray for the renewal of their Charter, that all tobacco may be unladen there, and all ships for New England be set forth from their port.

[Aug. ?] 119. Petition of John Eliott to the Council. In addition to previous salutary directions for preventing the increase of the plague, the petitioner prays that order may be taken to prevent persons who live in infected places from coming forth into the city and selling fruit. As the greatest number of Justices have fled into the country, and the Lord Mayor's authority does not extend to the suburbs, the petitioner prays that he may have power to seize upon the articles complained of.

[Aug. ?] 120. Estimates of victuals for 2,000 men for 84 days at 6*d.* and 7*d.* per diem; with account of the articles and quantities.

[Aug. ?] 121. Notes of business to be considered in the Council, principally relating to the issuing of Privy Seals, and the payments necessary to be provided for.

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Sept. 1. Sec. Conway to the Turkey Company. If the Turkey messenger be not gone his Majesty will give him access, moved thereunto by the good usage which some Turks had given to Sir Francis Wyat. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

Sept. 1. Fulham. 1. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Incloses a letter for the Duke. Entreats him "of all loves" to procure the appointments of Edm. Button and John Pett. Domville, a Knight of Windsor, has applied for a command. Pennington has got but 97*l.* of his money, there being none to be had. They put him to his purgation for his allowance, but he was helped by Sir John Coke. Thanks for courtesies received. Sends him 20*l.*, an earnest of his love; told the bearer that it was money borrowed. *Incloses,*

1. 1. *Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. They go very slowly forward for want of money. Desires to have his commission and instructions. Is he to ride before Dunkirk, or ply it off and on? Repeats recommendation of Edm. Button and John Pett.* 18 *sail have come out of Dunkirk and have gone Westward. They have beaten the Hollanders in a fight of two days. Store of flat-bottomed boats building at Dunkirk, Ostend, and other places on the coast. The Archduchess, Spinola and Gondomar are still there.* 1625, *Sept.* 1.

Sept. [1?] 2. Capt. Richard Gyffard to the same. Requests him to bring before the Duke certain secret designs for expeditions against the Spaniards. He will give 3 or 4 knights or gentlemen to be bound for his performance of his promises.

2. 1. *Statement of the force requisite for effecting the several designs alluded to.*

Sept 1. Plymouth. 3. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The poor countryman is no longer able to entertain the soldier, and in some places has thrust him out of doors, whilst the soldier has taken away the countryman's goods, robbed on the highway, carried away sheep before the owner's face, and dressed them in the open view of the world, saying, he must have the oxen rather than famish. Burlamachi reports that 6,000*l.*, is coming, but that will not clear the score already due. The Council are pathetically appealed to for immediate help.

Sept. 1. Holbury. 4. Andrew Pitcairn to Sec. Conway. It is the King's pleasure that he should signify to the Master of the Wards that Mr. Hay should have his demand.

Sept. 2. Sec. Conway to William Lord Maynard. Commending his care and advertisements; the like alarms had been brought, and order will be taken for defence and safety. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

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Sept. 2. Sec. Conway to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Wards. That Mr. Robert Hay may have the benefit of a fine of 1,000*l.* for the wardship of Mr. Widdrington. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

Sept. 2. 5. A remonstrance to the Council concerning the present condition of the office of the Ordnance. The stores are reduced to 72 lasts of powder, 750 muskets, and 1,040 calivers.

Sept. 2. 6. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. 3. [Southampton.] 7. The Duke of Buckingham to Capt. Thos. Wilbraham. Instructions. He is to take the Mary Rose and the Great Neptune, Capt. Giles, and ply up and down before Dunkirk, and if any of the Dunkirkers pass out by stealth, he is to follow and attack them. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 3. 8. Another copy of the same, supplying the place of date.

Sept. 3. 9. Petition of Anne, wife of Thos. Reade, to Buckingham. Prays that her husband who had been pressed at Southampton might be released, in regard of his wants and brokenness.

Sept. 3. 10. Petition of Daniel Hurry to the same. Prays that he may be admitted Master of the Charles or the Moon.

Sept. 3. London. 11. Nicholas Leatt to Thos. Meautys, Clerk of the Council. Has received his letter with the order of the Council for the attendance of some of the Levant Company at Southampton to answer a complaint of that town. None of the company are in London, and if they were, the King's proclamation forbids them to go to the Court. As much has been yielded to the Corporation of Southampton as the statute gave them. Prays that the matter may be deferred until the contagion be overpast. Sir Thos. Roe writes from Constantinople that a gentleman was daily expected from Naples to make peace between the Turks and Spain.

Sept. 3. 12. Sir Harbottle Grimstone and Wm. Smyth to Sec. Morton. They had drawn down some of the Trained Bands to Harwich, but there were so great decays in the fortifications, and such want of ordnance, that it would be impossible to impeach a resolute enemy without a supply of ships and money.

Sept. 3. Archcliff Bulwark, Dover. 13. Jas. Barker to Buckingham. 200*l.* was granted by the Council of War to repair Archcliff bulwark at Dover, but the Commissioners can receive no money. No reparations since Queen Elizabeth's time. Eleven pieces of ordnance, but no platforms, and only six men. An enemy taking this bulwark would command the pier, the shipping, and the town.

[Sept. 3 ?] 14. Petition of the same to the Council. He states the same facts; and that the bulwark is within 4 hours' sail of Calais, and 6 of Dunkirk. Prays there may be present order for its repair.

Sept. 3. 15. Estimate of the charge for setting forth nine merchant ships, to be employed on the Narrow Seas for 3 months, with 760 men; (7,111*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*)

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Sept. 4. Sec. Conway to Sir Henry Mildmay. To repair speedily to Court. The business is to give in a perfect note of the plate remaining in his hands. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

Sept. 4. Audley End. 16. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to the Council. Slackness of the Counties of Suffolk and Dorset in the necessary service of the State, and inattention to his injunctions as Lord Lieut., which had been multiplied by his unfortunate received disgraces. General want of arms, powder, and munition. Requests letters of the Council that thereafter he may be better obeyed. These counties will not pay a Muster Master. The County of Cambridge more ready to perform commandments for service.

Sept. 4. Tichfield. 17. The King to the Treasurer and Comptroller of the Household. It is the King's pleasure that John Wolf Rumler, one of the Apothecaries in ordinary, should have his diets as formerly.

Sept. 4. Southampton. George Duke of Buckingham to Sir Edw. Cecil, Lord Marshal of his Majesty's army, and Deputy Admiral of the fleet. Eighteen sail of Dunkirkers have gone to the West, keeping the French coast in their passage to Spain. He is to send out ships to take them. [*Copy. See Vol.* v., *No.* 102.]

Sept. 4. New Sarum. 18. Certificate of the Mayor and Justices of New Sarum, that William Goodridge, pressed to serve as a chirurgeon in the army at Plymouth, has borne the office of Mayor and is now an Alderman of that city. He is about the age of three score, is subject to gout and stone, and has not sufficient skill in chirurgery for his Majesty's service.

Sept. 4. Tichfield. Proclamation for adjournment of part of Michaelmas term, (from the Utas of St. Michael to the fourth return,) on account of the plague. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 25.]

Sept. 4. Tichfield. Proclamation commanding Captains and commanders of soldiers to attend their charges. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

Sept. 4. Tichfield. Proclamation for making current the silver coin of France called cardecues, at the value of 19½*d.* [*Ibid., No.* 27.]

Sept. 5. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for warrants for 2,260*l.* to John Vaulier for jewels; and 700*l.* to Sackville Crow, by him disbursed for his Majesty's service. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

Sept. 5. The same to Sir Edward Cecil. That the Duke of Buckingham desires the persons named may not be removed from their commands but for insufficiency or miscarriage. A warrant for his game-keeping sent him. Another for discharge of Dutch prisoners. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Sept. 5. The same to Sir John Ogle. The Lord Marshal has been written to touching the Captains left out. He will take order for the men and arms come with Captain Courteney. The monies sent by the Lord Marshal and Captain Love will supply all occasions. Advice to him to continue in the employment; but if he desire to retire, he shall be assisted. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Sept. 5. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for a pension of 40*l.* a year to a Jew at Cambridge, so long as he shall remain in his Majesty's dominions. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 227.]

Sept. 5. On board the Lion. 19. Sir Francis Stewart to Buckingham. No order yet received what course to take with the Lion. Had captured two small ships, Hollanders, as they term themselves, but probably Turkish pirates. Describes what had been found in them; various flags, powder and fire-arms, butter and cheese for 18 months, with spells to conjure all the devils in air, earth, and water. Capt. Vaughan ordered to bring the ships he has taken to Plymouth. Bennett, of London, lately taken, has a protection from the pirate Campaine, addressed to the picaroons of Sallee. Certificate to be returned from every ship of all their wants and defects. *Incloses,*

19. I. *Capt. Thos. Vaughan and others to Sir Francis Stewart. They had taken three ships from Calais, suspected to be Dunkirkers—the St. Peter, St. Catherine, and St. John* [*James?*]. *Had put into Falmouth, and desired further orders.* 1625, *Aug.* 28. *Incloses,*

19. II. *Marks and numbers of goods aboard the St. John* [*James?*].

Sept. 6. Plymouth. 20. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Sir Wm. St. Leger had shown him a commission from the Duke, with title and style too far above him. Intreats Lord Conway to fashion his retreat as he holds most convenient, and to interpose for him with the Duke. The Lord Marshal's commission was read yesterday. No express charge for delivering the troops up to him. Beseeches a quick despatch.

Sept. 6. Southampton. 21. George Duke of Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant appointing him to the command of the Garland, to be employed in the Narrow Seas against the Dunkirkers.

Sept. 6. 22. Certificate of Jas. Baillie and David Landels, that James Dunbar being at Rome and hearing Wm. Sinclare avow that he hoped King Charles would become a Catholic or die by the hand of a Jesuit, the said Jas. Dunbar did fall upon and wound him deadly.

Sept. 6. Plymouth. 23. Sir Edward Cecil to Buckingham. Will send a certificate of the wants of the fleet. Could well employ 3,000 more men; the army wastes daily; wishes for a press for 500 men or thereabout. Beseeches that they may not want money; present consequences of its want. The victuallers speak of three weeks before the beer will be ready. Now is a very convenient time for Privy Seals; requests that his brother Cooke's 1,000*l.* may be the first accepted.

Sept. 7. Plymouth. 24. Sir John Ogle to the Council. Infirmity of body and occasions of business have prevented his viewing the town of Fowey as they had directed. Intreats them to commiserate a poor gentleman afflicted both in mind and body, and to free him from this and all similar employments.

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Sept. 7. Tottenham. 25. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. The interruption of the manufacture of gunpowder by the East India Company proceeded from Sir Arthur Mainwaring. Wishes Conway to inform the King how much the interest of his service is of more consequence than private profit or pleasure; also to procure a warrant for the resumption of the manufacture. *Incloses,*

25. 1. *Sir Maurice Abbot, Governor of the East India Company, to Sir John Coke. One of Sir Arthur Mainwaring's officers forbade the making of powder and the preparing of any works for the same.* 1625, *Sept.* 6.

Sept. 7. Beaulieu. 26. The King to Edward Earl of Worcester. Warrant for him to send up the Privy Seal, safely sealed up, and directed to the King. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 7. Southampton. 27. Duke of Buckingham's instructions for Capt. John Pennington, Admiral of the Fleet, employed in the Narrow Seas against the Dunkirkers and other ships belonging to Spain.

Sept. 7. 28. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. 7. 29. Examination of William Caule, of Shaston, co. Dorset. He was hired by John Prestlye to cleanse and fit up armour at Wardour Castle. They wrought for a fortnight, and cleansed 64 horsemen's armour.

Sept. 8. Fulham. 30. Thos. Lord Cromwell to Buckingham. Was making himself ready to attend the Duke's commands. Hoped to find himself appointed to a ship able to play her part with the best and proudest enemy that dare look danger in the face. A noble gentleman appointed to the regiment that was intended for the Earl of Essex. Rumour that his Grace has resigned the Mastership of the Horse, which makes the world suspect that this prime feather being lost the rest will follow. Wagers offered that a Parliament will shortly be, which, when it comes, will much discontent the Duke. It is said that none know anything but the Duke, and that not letting others share the burden will ruin him. Not one grave man known to have the Duke's ear except Lord Conway. If the Duke goes not with the fleet, he will suffer in his reputation. Hopes he shall not suffer in the Duke's favour by letting him know the talk of the wicked world.

[Sept. 8.] 31. Petition of Morgan Coldham to the Mayor of Norwich. Coming from Count Mansfeldt with letters to Colonel Cecil and the Council, he had been arrested by Edmond Gill, to whom he did not owe a penny. Prays that he may be permitted to deliver his letters.

Sept. 8. 32. Examination of Morgan Coldham before the Mayor of Norwich. Had been in the service of Count Mansfeldt, and was Lieutenant under Capt. Wm. Roberts. On Augt. 30, his company was cashiered at Dort, and he came for England from Rotterdam, bringing letters to Justice Roberts and Colonel Cecil.

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Sept. 8. Southampton. 33. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Had formerly advertised Sir Dudley of the indisposition of Sec. Morton. If any credit might have been given to the physicians, especially Dr. Poe, there was no danger of death in him. On Sunday last Locke was sent post to "my lady," then at Wimbledon, that she might come, if she thought good. On Tuesday she set forward. By the way they met Mr. Mason, who brought great comfort. When they were within 8 or 9 miles of Southampton they met the news of the Secretary's death, which took place about 7 o'clock on Tuesday the 6th. This day the corpse is to be interred, which will not be done *sine lachrymis*.

Sept. 8. Southampton. 34. The same to the same. The voice goes upon Sir John Coke to be Secretary, and upon one whose name Locke does not know, who has dependence upon the Duke, to be Master of Requests. The King goes towards Plymouth on Monday. There is such want of money that the officers have not enough to pay for his Majesty's provision on his journey.

Sept. 8. [South] Hampton. 35. Sir George Goring to the same. The Duke will ere long make it appear in what consideration he holds Sir Dudley. His Grace was never in better estate for will or power than at this present. Sec. Morton departed last Tuesday night; Sir John Coke, his successor, and Mr. Aylesbury, Sir John's as Master of Requests. Sir Dudley's friends forgot him not, but there was a double former engagement. The league with the States well concluded. Sir Robert Killigrew is to succeed Sir Dudley, whose promotion has been interfered with by his dependance having been fixed on persons averse to the Duke and his undertakings, but this is all over. The blessed Queen [of Bohemia] is most actively careful for him. The fleet is ready, and the King is going to Plymouth to see it set forth. The Council sits close; private distempers there are, but they rather swell inwardly than hurt where they intend. The papists begin to think there is no more jesting; they, underhand, offered 300,000*l.* to regain the peace they enjoyed. Mons. Blainville, Ambassador Extraordinary from France, is hourly expected on their behalf. The Queen has been strongly assailed for their protection by her ecclesiastics, who seemed temperate Catholics but now run the old course, participating more in the Court than the Church of Rome. The Queen begins to find that it is a gentle way, not frowns, that can prevail with a great King and prudent husband. There have been some small disgusts in that Court, but now they are so well repaired as it were a sin to commemorate them.

Sept. 8. Plymouth. 36. Sir Edward Cecil to Sec. Conway. Fears they will have to be there more than a month, for the ships are backward. Explains the course he has adopted in the appointment of officers to their charges. If his Majesty comes before 10 days, shall not be ready to show them anything worthy their sight. An army is no nimble body, and he found not a soldier armed. The troops out of the Low

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Countries are deficient 500. Great want of clothes. Commissioners who served his Majesty with rogues ought to be punished. Is going to a Council to set out ships against the 18 Dunkirkers.

Sept. 8. Plymouth. 37. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. The army in a miserable condition for want of clothes; there are many that have not anything wherewithal to cover their nakedness. Sir John Ogle is in much worse state of body, altogether disabled. Suggests to offer that place to Lord Essex again, who will give much lustre to the action; if that be not thought fit, he suggests Sir Ferd. Gorges with much commendation; and if neither of these, Capt. Courteney.

Sept. 9. Southampton. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle. Assuring him of readiness to assist him if he will retire. His entertainments continue still. Directions sent to the Lord Marshal for issuing the monies, which is a discharge for him. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 228.]

Sept. 9. Harwich. 38. Robt. Earl of Sussex to the Council. 3,000 men of the Trained Bands of Essex had been conducted to Harwich. That town unprovided with ammunition. The Captains were at the expense of bringing down the men; they now beg leave to depart, being noways able to serve the King on their own charges.

Sept. 9. Plymouth. 39. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Being required by Sir Wm. St. Leger to signify his purpose of withdrawing, he thought it best to do so to the great General himself, Incloses a letter to the Duke to that effect. All the Captains (Capt. Anth. Leigh excepted) had been re-enlisted by the Lord Marshal.

Sept. 9. Southampton. 40. Duke of Buckingham [to Theophilus Lord Walden] his Vice-Admiral of the Counties of Dorset, Northumberland, Cumberland, and the North Parts. Instructions with respect to all passages, seisures, forfeitures, or other droits, happening in his Vice-Admiralty.

Sept. 9. Harwich. 41. Sir Francis Barrington to Sec. Conway. A rumour in the county of great concourse of people to the papists' houses, and of their preparations. Recusants should be disarmed. *Incloses,*

41. I. *Sir Edw. Altham to Sir Francis Barrington, with examinations of Andrew Benton and Anthony Pennington, as to words uttered by Wm. Burling in derogation of the proclamation against Jesuits.* 1625, *Sept.* 7. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 9. Sittingbourne. 42. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. On Wednesday the Admiral of Dunkirk and one other ship came out. They have not men to set out all their fleet. Their mariners mutinied for want of pay. The flat-bottomed boats are all tallowed and made fit. Death of Sir Richd. Bingley. Is it fit that the light at Dungeness should be continued?

Sept. 9. 43. Estimate of charge for setting forth the Nonsuch with 200 men for 3 months, and surcharge of 9 merchants' ships, all to be employed in the Narrow Seas (4,103*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*)

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Sept. 10. Southampton. Sec. Conway to Thomas Lucas. Recommending Mr. Killigrew in his affections to his daughter. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book., p.*228.]

Sept. 10. Harwich. 44. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec Conway. On arrival at Harwich he found there 3,000 foot and 100 horse. He communicated to the Earl of Sussex the King's order for a commission of joint-lieutenancy, which was received by the Earl with expressions of discontent. Is sending into the Low Countries for engineers, serjeants, and experienced officers. The command of the 3,000 men divided between the two Earls and Sir Thomas Meautys. Ships should be stationed at the mouth of the harbour. The enemy's strength lies in his frigates. He will probably land at Landguard Point and march to Ipswich. Had sent to the Dep. Lieuts. of Suffolk to draw down 1,000 men to Landguard. Letters should be written to the Lord Lieut. of Suffolk and the town of Ipswich. Has borrowed six pieces of ordnance out of a ship of London. Of all their wants, the greatest is that of money. The adjacent shires should be called in to make contribution for the public defence. The recusants should be disarmed. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Information of a meeting held by night at the house of Mr. Benefield, a recusant, at Redlingfield, in Suffolk.* 1625, *Sept.* 8.

Sept. 10. 45. Petition of parishes of St. John and St. Peter in the Isle of Thanet to Buckingham; they pray that the sconce of fortification erected there in the time of Queen Elizabeth, but then much ruinated, may be repaired.

Sept. 10. Appleby Castle. 46. Henry Lord Clifford to Sec. Conway. In Northumberland the papists are so powerful, and are so adhered to by the thieves, that his Majesty cannot find one man in ten to do him service. Such a faction among the gentlemen, that if those that are firm in religion be not encouraged, his Majesty's best servants will come to the worse. Newcastle so infected with plague, so ill-fortified, and so ill-neighboured, that 500 men would ransack it. Plague in Lord Will. Howard's house. Sir Fran. Howard's lady took the infection from a new gown she had from London, so as she died the same day she took it. They are all dispersed most miserably with the greatest terror in the world. *Incloses,*

46. I. *Henry Lord Clifford to the Council. Had summoned the gentlemen of Northumberland to advise what might be done for better strengthening the coast. Hitherto these Northern parts have neither been charged with arms, nor ever used to training, so that they are altogether unfurnished and inexperienced. Upon information of the country's poverty, the Council have on former occasions not insisted upon these things. They are now less able than before, but it were good if they were brought to the same condition as the other counties, though in less number, especially at first.* 1625, *Sept.* 10.

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Sept. 10. 47. Examination of Morgan Coldham before the Mayor of Norwich. Further particulars of the employment of Capt. Wm. Roberts and the examinant under Count Mansfeldt.

Sept. 11. Tichfield. Proclamation for calling home all his Majesty's subjects employed in the service of the Emperor, the King of Spain or the Archduchess. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 28.]

Sept. 12. Southampton. 48. Sec. Conway to ——. Advising him how "his Lordship with the rest that should give present answer" to a letter from the Earl of Sussex should reply. [The Earl's letter alluded to was probably a complaint to the Council of the junction with him of the Earl of Warwick in the Lord Lieutenancy of Essex. The present letter is dated by mistake "1626" instead of "1625." The date looks asif it may have been tampered with.]

Sept 12. Southampton. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for a Privy Seal for 4,000*l.* to the Duke of Buckingham, for the loss he sustains upon a grant of fines on the natives residing upon undertakers' lands in Ulster, for redeeming whereof they made a composition, which is taken to his Majesty's use. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 229.]

Sept. 12. 49. The Council to ——. Warrant to give assistance to Mathew Brooke, Clerk of the Cheque at Portsmouth, who is appointed to press 500 mariners in the cos. of Southampton, Sussex, and Dorset. To take care that the men returning home in ships from Newfoundland do not slip away until Mat. Brooke can come and press them. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 12. 50. The same to the Lord Lieuts. of Dorset, Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall, for the levy of 500 foot to be conducted to Plymouth with all speed. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 12. 51. Dep. Lieuts. co. Southampton to ——. Appointing him Colonel of a regiment of the militia of that county. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 12. 52. Names of Colonels appointed for seven regiments of militia within co. Southampton.

Sept. 12. Sarum. 53. Barbara Hyde to Nicholas. Requests him to procure her son Francis a place under the new Secretary, Sir John Coke.

Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. Sec. Conway to Sir Francis Barrington. Thanks for his advertisement touching assemblies of recusants in Essex; prays continuance of his care, and he shall have further order. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 229.]

Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. The same to Robert Earl of Sussex and Robert Earl of Warwick, Lieutenants of Essex. His Majesty approves their choice of officers, and other their diligences. Ships shall be sent to lie upon that coast. Letters now sent to Ipswich and the adjoining counties to contribute in the care and charge. Artillery shall be sent and money. In the meantime, they are to endeavour to get monies from the country, which the King will repay. Order shall be sent touching recusants. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. Sec. Conway to Robert Earl of Sussex. The joining the Earl of Warwick in commission with him was not intended as any dishonour to him, but to add all necessary assistance in this dangerous time, which being passed over, his Majesty will turn all things again into their proper channel; in the meantime, it is expected that they join together for the public service. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 229.]

Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. The same to Thos. Earl of Suffolk. To draw down 1,000 men to Landguard; and to cause Suffolk and Cambridge to contribute towards the great charge the county of Essex is at. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. Sec. Conway's like letters for contributions from the counties of Hertford and Huntingdon. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Shaftesbury. The Same to the Bailiff of Ipswich. To assist in what material way they can, for fortifications at Harwich, and putting a convenient number of boats upon the river. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Plymouth. 54. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Has withdrawn to a friend's house, preparatory to his journey towards London. Solicits his wonted favour for some allowance after the arrival of the Lord Marshal.

Sept. 13. Lincoln. 55. Francis Earl of Rutland to the Council. Had caused the directions of his Majesty's letters to be put in execution. The chief want for the present is the great scarcity of powder. *Incloses,*

55. I. *List of officers appointed for the militia, co. Lincoln.*

Sept. 13. Woodstock. 56. Mayor and Justices of New Woodstock to the same. James Hall had said that the King was gone to Scotland, and that there was a new King proclaimed there, whereupon the writers had committed him to custody.

Sept. 13. Southampton. 57. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sec. Conway. Sends information forwarded by command of the Earl of Sussex, that order may be taken for prevention of future danger. *Incloses,*

57. I. *Relation of Edw. Eltonhed of a meeting of recusants at the house of one Cage or Gage in Suffolk.*

Sept. 13. 58. Note of ordnance and munition at Acliff Castle, Dover.

[Sept. 13?] 59. Project [of Sir Walter Erle] for raising 100 carbines in co. Dorset.

Sept 14. Harwich. 60. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Sussex consents that the Lieutenancy of Essex may be renewed to the Earl of Warwick alone. Repeats his recommendation that ships should be sent to secure the coast, and the land forces retire. They fall sick daily. The country alarmed at secret practices of the papists. Sir Thos. Meautys stayed at Harwich for the King's service.

Sept. 14. 61. Marks of goods taken out of the St. James, of Calais, by order of Sir Francis Stewart and Sir James Bagg.

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Sept. 14. Southampton. 62. Sir Wm. Becher to Sec. Conway. Sends letters to Lord Lieuts. to be sent with the Privy Seals for a loan, for the King's signature. The money from Burlamachi was on its way to Plymouth. It was expected at Southampton that afternoon, but being all in silver it would be the slower in arriving by cart.

Sept. 14. Dover Castle. 63. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. There are 19 ships under the fort at Dunkirk. He has spoken to persons who will undertake to burn them if well paid and good provision made. Six great old ships will be needed. Eight great ships more at Dunkirk are almost built.

Sept. 14. Receipt by Sir Edward Cecil for twenty tinners pressed by Wm. Coryton, Vice-Warden of the Stannaries, to attend the fleet for land service. [*See Vol.* xv., *No.* 13.]

Sept. 15. Parham. 64. Justices of Sussex to the Council. On the 13th inst. 14 seafaring men were set on shore at Kingston in Sussex. They say they are "Portingales," and were taken on a voyage to Brazil by a ship of Rotterdam. Ten more of them were put into a ship bound for Bristol. The captain and his boy are carried away with the ship and goods. The writers desire instructions how to deal with these men who have neither money nor weapons.

Sept. 15. Pembroke. 65. Wm. Earl of Northampton to Sec. Conway. The Trained Bands will be together on the 17th inst. The letters of the Council did not mention any other county than Pembroke, but as there are only 600 trained men within that county, and they mentioned 2,000, he should draw together the Trained Bands of Cardigan and Carmarthen. Out of duty to his Majesty he had come thither personally, fearing the service would not have gone so well without him, although his skill in martial business is but small. Sends him what they conceive of Milford Haven. *Incloses,*

65. 1. *Minute description of Milford Haven, prepared by Sir James Perrott.*

Sept. 16. Dover. 66. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Sent a ship for the Ambassador, but it had returned without him. Four large ships had arrived from the East Indies; one of 800 tons wrecked near Dover Castle. Desires instructions whether to stay them or not. Had stayed other ships bound for London. A ship brought in laden for Spain. The Dunkirkers had made a restraint, so that he could not send any certain news.

Sept. 16. 67. Narrative containing the instructions and proceedings of Sir Samuel Argoll, Admiral of 24 English and 4 Dutch ships despatched from Plymouth on the 6th Sept. in search of a fleet of 18 Dunkirkers, supposed to be sailing along the French coast towards Spain. The fleet under Sir Sam. Argoll did not fall in with the Dunkirkers, but made prize of various ships laden with Dunkirk goods, and returned to Plymouth after a cruise of seven days.

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[Sept. 16?] 68. Sir William Andrewes to Sec. Conway. One Emerson having spoken foul seditious matter touching a great nobleman, Sir William had committed him to gaol, and sent the examinations for consideration. *Incloses,*

68. I. *Information of John Marshall. Emerson told him that he was sent from one nobleman to another about the papists' business, to know their minds; that in three months there would be "old bustling," and that a great nobleman, whom he named, would aid the Pope with* 30,000 *men.* 1625, *Sept.* 16.

68. II. *Examination of William Emerson. Confesses the words, being far gone in drink.* 1625, *Sept.* 16.

68. III. *Sir Thomas Savage, and five others, to Sir William Andrewes. Emerson was a fuller, and had lived* 2 *years in Cardington in good repute.* 1625, *Sept.* 16.

[Sept. 17?] 69. Part of a letter intended to be addressed by the King to the Council, prescribing the course they were to take in issuing Privy Seals for the contemplated loan. It would seem that this letter was not adopted; the letter following was substituted in its place. [*Draft in the hand-writing of Attorney General Heath.*]

Sept. 17. Plymouth. 70. The King to the Council. Having resolved to borrow money upon Privy Seals, he had directed the Lord Lieuts. to inform themselves of the number of persons of ability to lend, and to certify the same to the Council; which certificates the Council are to subscribe and send to the Earl of Worcester, Keeper of the Privy Seal, as his warrant to direct forth so many Privy Seals accordingly.

Sept. 17. 71. Petition of Peter Bellingham to Buckingham. Served Queen Elizabeth and his present Majesty as "boteson" for 47 years, and now in his old age has lost all he had in the Speedwell. Prays that he may have the first place of a "boteson" that falleth. [The words of this petition indicate that it was prepared for presentation during the reign of King James. The date under which it is placed is that on which it is endorsed as having been received.]

Sept. 17. 72. Marks on eight barrels of cochineal taken out of the St. Peter, of Havre de Grace, by Abraham Jennings.

Sept. 17. 73. Note of 21 bags of money also taken out of the same ship by the same person.

Sept. [17?] 74. Note of other goods taken out of the same ship by Mr. Morrice.

[Sept. 17?] 75. Another account of the same goods.

Sept. 18. Harwich. 76. Robert Earl of Warwick to the Council. The County of Essex, having already been charged with between four and five thousand pounds for maintenance of the troops at Harwich, has given notice that they are resolved to refuse any further payment of such an excessive and unprecedented charge. The Council are earnestly

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requested to give the necessary directions. Warwick reiterates his suggestion of ships being sent to guard the coast. Harwich noways able to disburse money towards the intended fortifications. Complaint is made of Alderman Whitmore, who bought the manor from the late King, for having allowed the fortifications to go to decay. Landguard and the island of Mersey both necessary to be fortified.

Sept. 18. Harwich. 77. Dep. Lieuts. of Essex to the Council. The Council not having made mention of any course to be taken for payment of the soldiers at Harwich, the Dep. Lieuts. persuaded the country, in hope of restitution, to disburse a few day's pay. The country notice that no course is yet taken for the support of this great charge, save by laying the burthen upon them. They have raised above 4,000*l.* and are out of hope of raising more, they therefore represent the state of the country to the Council. Scarce any man has half an ordinary crop of corn; clothiers have no vent of their wares; graziers and marketmen have no sale on account of the infection in London; hop-masters cannot sell at Stourbridge fair or London; Michaelmas rents and an assessment of the subsidy are becoming due; and extraordinary taxes for relief of the sick poor. If the King will not bear the charge, other counties, and especially Suffolk, ought to contribute.

Sept. 18. Plymouth. 78. Secs. Conway and Coke to the Dep. Lieuts. of Dorset. To levy a proportion of 500 men required to make up the army at Plymouth. Lord Suffolk being so far remote the directions are sent immediately to his deputies.

Sept. 18. 79. Draft of the preceding letter.

Sept. 18. Plymouth. Sec. Conway to Wm., Earl of Northampton. Letters from the Council Board are sufficient warrant for assembling the forces of the country in time of danger. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 230.]

Sept. 18. Plymouth. 80. The same to Sir. Wm. Becher, Clerk of the Council. The letters sent had been signed by his Majesty; some had been delivered to Lords there and the rest returned by the Messenger. No letter to the Lord Privy Seal for Monmouth and Glamorgan. Form of the Privy Seal signed by the King, and the Lord Treasurer will give order for putting it to press.

Sept. 18. Minute of the preceding letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 229.]

Sept. 18. Tichfield. 81. Susan Countess of Denbigh to Sec. Conway. Mr. Bagenhall, who had been delayed in passing a patent on some pretensions made on behalf of the Countess, had died. The Countess would be extremely sorry if his posterity should suffer any damage, and is a suitor on his child's behalf that the patent may be passed in his name, and his wardship not be granted until her request be heard.

Sept. 18. Sydenham, Devonshire. 82. Sir John Ogle to the same. Intreats to be sent fairly from these eminent employments. On the least notice he will return home or wait upon the King.

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Sept. 19. Cowes. 83. Thos. Salt and Francis Harber to their Captain, Mr. Harvey. They had arrived at "the Cowes" in the Isle of Wight, being chased thither by knaves; the folk of the castle will not allow them to depart, making doubt whether they serve the King or not. The master desires that order may be taken for the release of the ship and goods.

Sept. 20. Sydenham, Devonshire. 84. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Has fixed his heart on such a retired course as he may go the nearest way to the service of his Creator. Begs Lord Conway to advance his purpose. Hopes the King and the Duke will think his withdrawing from the market of the world to the Church of the Redeemer proceeds from a well affected mind. Has intimated his inclination to the Lord Keeper.

[Sept. 20?] 85. [Sir James Perrott] to Wm. Earl of Northampton. States the opinion of the Dep. Lieuts. of co. Pembroke, on the places in Milford Haven which are convenient for landing and those which ought to be fortified. As of the latter kind they mention Dale Point, Rat Island, and the Stack. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 20. Haverford West. 86. Wm. Earl of Northampton to the Council. Gives account of the Muster of the Trained Bands of the Counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan. The Dep. Lieuts. of Pembroke support the charge of an additional 500 men, rather than draw in the Trained Bands of any adjoining shire. The Beacons are repaired, and are watched day and night. If the Dale Point, Rat Island, and the Stack were fortified, Milford Haven would be absolutely secure.

Sept. 20. Harwich. Return of the names, places of abode, and descriptions of 100 soldiers pressed in co. Wilts, and delivered to George Greame to be conducted to Plymouth. [*See Vol.* XV., *No.* 14.]

Sept. 21. Harwich. 87. Robt. Earl of Warwick to the Council. Mr. Morice, Clerk of the Ammunition, had been there, and upon consideration of the places to be fortified, they had settled a minute of a new warrant to Lord Carew, which is submitted to the Council. Lord Conway's letter, expressing the King's pleasure that the monies disbursed by the country should be repaid, had given some contentment. The Earl and Dep. Lieuts. are borrowing money at interest, on their own bonds, to defray present charges and keep the troops together. *Incloses,*

87. 1. *Form of warrant to the Master General of the Ordnance, to supply cannon and ammunition necessary for the fortification of Harwich.*

Sept. 21. Harwich. 88. The same to Sec. Conway. Letter of 13th not received until the 20th. Wishes that letters of so much comfort were put into the hands of a more speedy messenger. He cannot prevail on the country to support the burthen any longer, therefore he is raising money as mentioned in his last letter. Mr. Sheldon, a great recusant, who is now at Dunkirk, keeps up communication with the

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coast of Essex. The Earl designs to stay the boat by which it is carried on. If letters are found, desires to know whether he shall open them or send them up. *Incloses,*

88. 1. *Examinations of Thos. Dale, Fras. Dickenson, and John Walter, who had just landed at Harwich from Dunkirk. They describe the state of warlike preparation at Dunkirk when they left.* 1625, *Sept.* 16.

Sept. 21. South Tidworth. 89. Lord Treasurer Ley to Sir Wm. Becher, Clerk of the Council. Has received copies of letters of the Earl of Warwick and of the Dep. Lieuts. of Essex; but for him to give any private directions he does not think it fit.

Sept. 21. Dover Castle. 90. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The Duke's Commission of Oyer and Terminer has been put in execution, and a Dunkirk pirate condemned. Execution has been stayed until his Grace's pleasure be known. If he be respited, he will yield money, reasonable store; if he suffer, they will do the like upon our men.

Sept. 21. 91. Notes of examinations of Thos. Rovening and others, captains and owners of the Anne, Fortune, St. Andrew, and St. Ursula, ships brought into Plymouth, as to the lading of their ships.

[Sept. 21?] 92. Note of cochineal and other articles, probably derived from some ship brought into Plymouth.

Sept. 22. Plymouth. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. Advertisement when the King will be at Salisbury. What he doth at Plymouth. The money his Lordship sent down is come safe. Sir John Bath's instructions altered; he must attend the Lord Deputy. A request that his Lordship will give order for the last quarterage. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 230.]

Sept. 22. Letters patent, whereby Edmund Fortescue was appointed Surveyor General of Crown lands in co. Worcester, during pleasure. [*Case* A., *Charles* I., *No.* 5.]

Sept. 22. Woodford Bridge. 93. Sir Maurice Abbot, Governor of the East India Company to Sec. Coke. 5 ships had returned from the East Indies, laden with indigo, pepper, and calicoes; one had been cast away near Dover. Sends Mr. Sherburne, their Secretary, to solicit a warrant from the Duke of Buckingham, for the seizure and recovery of the pepper and other goods saved by the inhabitants thereabouts. Congratulates Sir John Coke on the honour lately conferred upon him, *i.e.*, his appointment as Secretary of State.

Sept. 22. Edmonton. 94. Thos Style to the same. Congratulations on his appointment. Solicits a warrant on behalf of the East India Company for the manufacture of gunpowder. Sir Arthur Mainwaring objects, alleging that the King's deer are hindered from their feeding, and that the poor people will want a corn-mill, which the proposed mill used to be. Arrival of ships from the East Indies, with the loss of one at Dover.

Sept. 22. 95. Commissioners of the Navy to Joshua Downing, Assistant to the said Commissioners. They had appointed Thos. Easton and his wife, keepers of his Majesty's house at Chatham Hill, in the place of John Friday and his wife, both deceased.

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Sept. 22. Sydenham, Devonshire. 96. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Begs that his companies or one of them may be conferred on his son John. Errors of judgment and false suggestions of ill-willers have cast some shadow on his former desert towards the States, but in their consciences the Lords and the Prince of Orange must be assured of his fidelity.

Sept. 23. Imworth. 97. Thos. Locke to Sir Dudley Carleton. Appointments of Sir John Coke and Mr. Aylesbury, the latter one of the Duke's Secretaries. The King went for Plymouth on the 11th, and there Sir John Coke is to be sworn in. Lady Morton is gone to her mother's, in Sussex. She is to have the 500*l.* per ann. during life, which was granted to her husband, and other favours. Locke does not see how he can send Sir Dudley, according to direction, gloves, candles, &c., the infection continuing still as hot as ever. There died this week in and about London above 2,000, which is as great a number as 4,000 when the City was full of people. The King is to return to Southampton on the 22d or 24th at farthest.

Sept. 23. Harwich. 98. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. Sent Lord Conway's letter from Shaftesbury to the Earl of Suffolk, whose answer is in another style than the Earl of Warwick expected. Borrowing money to support the troops now fails. The country is so bare of money that it is not to be taken up. Applications to Colchester and Ipswich totally unsuccessful. Beseeches that he may receive directions what to do, and may be informed what allowances should be made to the officers. *Incloses.*

98. I. *Robt. Earl of Warwick to Thomas Earl of Suffolk. Sends him a letter from Lord Conway, which signifies the King's pleasure that he should draw down* 1,000 *of the Trained Bands of Suffolk to Landguard Fort.* 1625, *Sept.* 20.

98. II. *Answer of the Earl of Suffolk to the Earl of Warwick. As Lieut. of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, he dare not let any forces pass out of those counties to any other place upon Lord Warwick's or Lord Conway's letter, but must have a warrant from the King or the Council.* 1625, *Sept.* 22.

Sept. 23. 99. Abstract of the preceding letters of the Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway from 14th to 23rd Sept.

Sept. 23. Deal. 100. Capt. Edw. Christian to Buckingham. The platforms of the three castles in the Downs are all laid. Daily expects the carriages; not one barrel of powder in the three castles.

Sept. 23. 101. Receipt of Sir James Bagg for oil taken out of the St. Andrew, of Calais, and the David, of Dover, for his Majesty's service.

Sept. 24. Plymouth. 102. Nicholas Blake, and three others, to Buckingham. They have taken view of certain bags of aniseed and almonds at Plymouth, and value the former at 5*l.* per cwt., the latter at 45*s.* per cwt. [These are said in an endorsement to have been goods received from Campaine, the pirate.]

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Sept. 24. Wanstead. 103. Francis Morice to Sec. Coke. On the encouragement of the Lord Admiral, and promise of the Lord Treasurer of 1,000*l.* within ten days, he procured the artificers to set themselves seriously to the business [of fitting out the fleet for the Narrow Seas.] More than 20 days have past and almost all things are ready, but no part of the money has been received. Desires his assistance to procure speedy order for payment.

Sept. 24. Southampton. 104. Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household, to Sir William Andrewes. The King being daily expected to return from Plymouth, and Lord Conway in his company, Sir Wm.'s messenger had waited there to meet his Lordship. Sir Wm.'s letter, with the examinations respecting Emerson [*see* 1625, *Sept* 16], had been brought to Sir John, who suggests that inquiry should be made upon certain other points.

Sept. 25. Colchester. 105. Samuel Harsnet, Bishop of Norwich, to Sec. Conway. Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas lays at his Majesty's feet her consent to his desire for the marriage of her daughter and Mr. Killigrew. Mr. Lucas has left 8 children, his son and heir wanting 2 years of his full age. The widow, who signs this letter, prays that his wardship and marriage may be bestowed upon her.

Sept. 25. Plymouth. 106. Duke of Buckingham to Sir Henry Palmer, appointed Admiral of the Narrow Seas in the place of Sir Richard Bingley deceased. Instructions: he is to scour those seas and clear them of pirates. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 25. 107. Another copy of the preceding.

Sept. 25. Plymouth. The same to Capt. Thos. Herbert. Having appointed him Captain of the Dreadnought, under Captain Pennington, Admiral of the Fleet against the Dunkirkers, he is to place his ship under the direction of his Admiral, or in his absence of Captain Wilbraham, Vice Admiral. [*Copy, misdated* 1626. *See Vol.* vi., *No.* 7.]

Sept. 26. 108. Names of the prizes now in Catwater; with the masters' names, and what ordnance and murderers each ship has.

[Sept. 26.] 109. Particulars of ordnance and ammunition in three of the prizes.

Sept. 27. Woodford Bridge. 110. Sir Maurice Abbot, Governor of the East India Company, and Thos. Style to Sec. Coke. In their ship the Moon, cast away near Dover, arrived a Dutchman, who, by his own confession, is one of the Judges who gave sentence of death upon the Company's innocent servants at Amboyna. He is detained in Dover Castle. Order is solicited for the Lieut. of Dover Castle to detain him until the pleasure of the Duke and the rest of the Council may be ascertained. The Sec. is also solicited to procure warrant for the release of the Company's powder mills.

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Sept. 27. Lichfield. 111. Sir Simon Weston, Dep. Lieut. of Staffordshire, to the Council. Anthony Wright, who conveys the stage packet, having lodged a person in his house whose companion had died of the plague, and afterwards denied the same, although it was manifestly proved, Sir Simon had for the present appointed another person to that service.

Sept. 28. Plymouth. 112. Minutes of a Council of War held at Plymouth by the Duke of Buckingham, Sir Ed. Cecil, and the Colonels there, for the determination of the precedency of the several commanders of the expedition. [*Much mutilated.*]

Sept. 28. 113. Copy of the preceding, made before the mutilation.

Sept. 28. Southwick. 114. Sir Daniel Norton to Wm. Earl of Pembroke and Sec. Conway. Portsmouth being grievously afflicted with the plague, the Mayor and other officers refuse to take the necessary steps to sever the infected, or otherwise exercise authority, on the ground that their term of office has expired. On the other side it is asserted that the choosers could not assemble for a new election on account of the contagion. The case is submitted to the King for his direction. *Incloses,*

114. I. *Owen Jennings to Sir Dan. Norton. Requesting him to state the above circumstances to the King or Council.* 1625, *Sept.* 27.

Sept. 28. 115. Inventory of goods taken out of the St. James, of Calais.

Sept. 29. Wilton. Sec. Conway to Bishop Williams, Lord Keeper. The cause is now to be treated in Council; his Lordship was not called by reason of a mistake in not warning him with the rest. Promise to endeavour to make his excuses for fourteen days, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 230.]

Sept. 29. Harwich. 116. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. Having often and earnestly written to Lord Conway, and once to the Council, he has not received answer except one letter dated the 13th inst. His resources have utterly failed and the payments grown into an arrear. Has not received any ordnance or ammunition, and should have been utterly destitute of powder, had not two ships come in from Eastland, from whose lading he borrowed two lasts. His servant, whom he sent to Holland for an engineer, has returned; the engineer is hourly expected.

Sept. 29. Lathbury. 117. Sir William Andrewes to Sir John Suckling. Sends farther examinations upon the points which Sir John had suggested. [*See* 1625, *Sept.* 24.] *Incloses,*

117. I. *Examinations of Christ. Allison, Wm. Tegle, and Eliz. Bryan.* 1625, *Sept.* 28.

117. II. *Examinations of Rich. Godwyn and* 6 *others.* 1625, *Sept.* 26.

[Sept. 29?] 118. List of 14 French ships brought into Plymouth, with their tonnage and the names of their captains.

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Sept. 29. 119. Notes by Nicholas of examinations of the masters of the Paradise, of Calais, and the Sea-Venture and St. Peter, of Havre, three of the ships above mentioned.

[Sept. 29.] 120. Full copies of examinations of the masters of the three ships above mentioned, and also of 18 other prize ships taken into Plymouth, as to the natures and ownerships of their respective ladings.

Sept. 29. 121. Expenses of necessary provisions made by Spencer Lord Compton, Master of the Robes, for robes, wardrobe, and stables, from Lady Day until Michaelmas (11,086*l.* 6*s.* 1½*d.*)

Sept. 29. Dover Castle. 122. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The Hollanders had endeavoured to fire the fleet at Dunkirk but had failed, the ships being protected by shallops which drew off the fire-ships with hooks. If the King will send him a warrant he will go and see the place, and will make something of it, or die there. Has been to Harwich. In his absence the marshal let go two of his prisoners; one of them, the condemned Dunkirker, has been taken again. Has committed the marshal for neglect. The French Ambassador landed last night. The Dean of Canterbury is dead. Dr. Bargrave has the King's promise. The Essex men are very troubled at their great charge, the fault is laid upon my Lord of Warwick's forwardness.

Sept. 30. Plymouth. 123. Buckingham to the King. The Ambassador from Algiers is going away discontented on account of his nine months delay, and because his presents were not only unrewarded, but ascribed to the merchants. As he offers to do good service for the fleet, the Duke suggests that letters should be sent by him to Algiers, and that the King should send him a present of a ring from his Royal hand, to the value of 500*l.* The army is free from any just suspicion of sickness, and is in such forwardness that they are appointed to go aboard on Saturday, and to sail with the first wind, which the Duke purposes to see performed. Begs there may be no delay as to the present. The Duke stays purposely for it. Failure now would heap injury upon injury.

Sept. 30. Beaconsfield. 124. Alice Lady Borlase to Sec. Conway. Her husband has obtained leave from the Prince of Orange to come to England on private business. She solicits the King's permission that he may do so.

[Sept. 30?] 125. Instructions to Sir Allen Apsley to conduct the fleet of prize ships from Plymouth to London, and to himself and his co-commissioners, Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir Robert Pye, Mr. Fotherly, and Mr. Hopton, in what manner they were to proceed in procuring the ships to be condemned in the Court of Admiralty; in the meantime the cargoes were to be secured in store houses. [*Minute.*]

[Sept.] 126. Minute of the manner of proceeding in replacing on board the St. Jaques, of Calais, and the Havre de Grace, the goods which had been removed therefrom. They were re-stowed and "spiked up," in order to their being safely delivered in London.

[Sept.] 127. Draft of suggested Royal Letter under the Privy Seal, for the borrowing from the person addressed of a certain sum of money.

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[Sept.] 128. Form of the King's Letter under the Privy Seal, soliciting a loan. [This is the form ultimately adopted. The money required to be lent was directed to be sent to the collector within 12 days, and was to be repaid within 18 months.]

[Sept.] 129. Suggestions of amounts that might be laid on various persons occupying different stations in life.

[Sept.] 130. Warrant to [Lord Keeper Williams, Bishop of Lincoln?] confirming various favours granted by the late King to Thos. Preston, priest, formerly in the prison of the Clink; with a grant of further favours in consideration of his having written many books in defence of the new oath of allegiance against the Pope's pretended deposing power. [*Copy.*]

[Sept.] 131. Petition of Elizabeth Carpenter, wife of Thos. Carpenter, of Southwark co., Surrey, cordwainer, to the King. Her husband had been impressed "upon spleen," whereupon, on the Monday preceding [1625, Sept. 12?], she had petitioned the King at Southampton and received his command to attend "here." She is now come, beseeching for an order for her husband's release.

[Sept.] 132. Mr. Glanville's reasons against his being compulsorily employed in the Cadiz expedition, as a Secretary-at-War.

[Sept.] 133. Note of goods received by Sir Francis Stewart out of the St. James, of Calais.

[Sept?] 134. Petition of Sir Henry Mervin to the King. Gave 3,500*l.* for an office, from which he is suspended without any known cause, and suffers under the want of necessary food and raiment, accompanied with shame and dishonour. Prays the King not to appoint any one to his place without ordering payment of his 3,500*l.*

[Sept.?] 135. Petition of poor distressed private schoolmasters within the City and suburbs to the Council. Having been forbidden to keep school in these times of contagion, and having no other means to pay their house rent, they pray for relief.

[Sept.?] 136. Copy of the same.

[Sept.?] 137. Petition of the distressed soldiers of Pendennis Castle, to the King; a month ago they petitioned for their pay for 20 months, and order was given to the Lord Treasurer to pay the same; but their daily solicitations have been fruitless, and they have been forced to pawn their bedding and other necessaries to buy bread. Pray for an order for present payment for 21 months.

[Sept?] 138. Statement of defects in quantity of the supply of victuals on board the ships composing the fleet now at Plymouth.

[Sept.?] 139. Suggestions on the course to be taken by the fleet about to sail.

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[Oct. 1.] Haverfordwest. 1. Wm. Earl of Northampton to Sec. Conway. Death of Sir Thos. Chamberlayne, Chief Justice of Chester. Sends letter to his Majesty praying him not to dispose of the place till the Earl can wait upon him. *Incloses,*

1. i. *Earl of Northampton to the King, as above.*

Oct. 2. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for a Privy Seal for 4,000*l.* to the Duke of Buckingham, in recompense of fines quit by him in Ireland. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 231.]

Oct. 2. 2. Minutes of business transacted at a meeting of the Council held this day. Sir Thos. Gerard to be committed to the Tower. Sharp letters to be written to Newcastle, to provide for its own defence. Letters to be written for disarming recusants. Inquiry as to holding the approaching term at St. Alban's or Reading; and proclamation to inhibit repair of strangers to London.

[Oct. 2.] 3. Minutes of letters to be written to the Earl of Warwick and the Dep. Lieuts. of Essex, with directions for their proceedings at Harwich; to the Duke of Buckingham, for the fortification of the Cinque Ports; and to Portsmouth, with directions in what manner to proceed in the choice of a new Mayor.

Oct. 2. 4. The Council to Robt. Earl of Warwick. Thanks for his services. A fleet having been ordered to attend the motions of the Dunkirkers and secure the coast, the men assembled at Harwich are to be dismissed. The charges shall be dealt with according to the precedents of former times. On the arrival of persons skilful in fortification, ordnance shall be sent. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 2. The Court. 5. Lords Commissioners for the Subsidies to Sec. Conway. The payment of the first subsidy due by him amounted to 20*l.* Walter James, of Reading, had been appointed Receiver. The same to be paid within the month of October.

Oct. 2. 6. Book for taxing and assessing the first subsidy of the nobility, granted anno primo Caroli.

Oct. 3. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sir Dudley Carleton, to procure leave for the Lord Vere, to come into England, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 231.]

Oct. 3. Foxley. 7. Lord Keeper Williams to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his mediating with his Majesty for the Lord Keeper's staying at Foxley until after the next Seal. Suspects he must make his account to winter at Salisbury. Wishes to know where the next term is to be kept. Windsor is visited, Northampton and Cambridge are clear, but Salisbury is the best place. Desires his duty and humble respects to the Duke, and his professions to live and die his humble servant, and to appear face to face against any man who shall for the time past accuse him of any unworthiness against his Grace. Desires only his Grace's love, not any effect thereof in matters of fortune or honour.

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Oct. 3. Newelm Lodge. 8. Wm. Earl of Salisbury to Sec. Conway. The answer to his late letter rested in the breast of a multitude who for the most part are incapable of reason. Sends the reply, desiring that with it his faithful endeavours should be tendered to his Majesty. *Incloses,*

8. 1. *Dep. Lieuts. of Herts to the Earl of Salisbury. Having assembled the country, they had received an absolute refusal to contribute towards the charge of the co. of Essex; 1st, as unprecedented; 2nd, because Herts never had any relief from Essex; and, 3rd, because the subsidies granted were intended for the charges of the defence of the Kingdom.* 1625, *Sept.* 29.

Oct. 3. Plymouth. 9. Warrant from the Duke of Buckingham to Attorney General Coventry, to make ready a grant for conferring the dignity of Lord Cecil, Viscount of Wimbledon, upon Sir Edward Cecil, employed as Lieutenant General of his Majesty's sea and land forces.

Oct. 4. From the Anne Royal. 10. Sir Edwd. Cecil to Sec. Coke. Came on board yesterday with determination to put to sea, but the munition "not at all shipped;" neither can Lord Essex come out of Falmouth with this wind. P.S.— Will sail at 3 A.M. Prays him to send the munition after them by the Dutch ships.

Oct. 4. Plymouth. 11. The same to Sec. Conway. Incloses a letter to the King, informing him that the army had embarked. The Duke had bestirred himself and played the General industriously and judiciously. He settled all men's places by vote, and not by authority. He that disputed most had come down a degree lower than he was. The Duke had done all in a week that they doubted to have done in three.

Oct. 4. Plymouth. 12. Form of warrant of the Duke of Buckingham appointing Collectors of the Tenths payable to him on letters of marque. With a memorandum underwritten that under this form John Drake and Sir John Drake, his son, were appointed collectors for Somerset, and Sir James Bagg for Cornwall.

Oct. 4. Attleborough. 13. Robert Earl of Sussex to Philip Earl of Montgomery. After all his pains in bringing down the Trained Bands to Harwich, he had had the command quite taken away from him by the junction of the Earl of Warwick in the Lieutenancy. Lord Conway tells him that these businesses being once over his Majesty will turn every authority into its own channel. He desires to be altogether discharged rather than remembered to his dishonour.

Oct. 4. Ipswich. 14. Thos. Eldred to Thos. Styles. Robt. Deering had shipped on board Eldred's ship 75 barrels of powder, but the King of Denmark had taken away 66 barrels at the rated price. Gentlemen at Ipswich desire to buy the remainder. Has brought back the Dutchman ("Johannes Ladislaus Melbik?") who went out with him.

Oct. 4. Plymouth. 15. Warrant from the Duke of Buckingham for the delivery of divers bags of aniseed and almonds seized for his use, to Edw. Nicholas and Gabriel Marsh. [*See* 1625, *Sept.* 24, *No.* 102.]

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Oct. 4. Hackwood. 16. Jane Lady St. John to Sec. Conway. On the intreaty of her cousin Savage, Lady St. John requests Lord Conway to move his Majesty for the first prebend's place in Windsor in reversion for Mr. Stokes, who had a promise of the same from King James. His Majesty has in all things performed his father's will and promise, to his eternal fame.

Oct. 4. Ipswich. 17. Officers of the Customs in Ipswich to Thomas Styles. They intreat him to sell to the gentlemen of that county the gunpowder which Thomas Eldred had brought for him from Elbing.

[Oct. 4.] 18. Sec. Coke to ————. Relating the true state of Sir Hen. Mervin's case. He was charged by the French Ambassador with having assisted the Rochellers in spoiling the French, and with having participated in the booty. King James after inquiry removed Sir Henry from his employment, and directed a judicial proceeding, but Lord Treas. Middlesex not supplying money the business was no farther prosecuted. [*Draft.*]

[Oct. 4.] 19. Petition of John Bardsey, goldsmith, to "the most gracious Prince George Villiers Duke of Buckingham." Prays to be taken into his service, or to be appointed a Groom of the King's Household or guard.

Oct. 5. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to the Master of the Wards. For all possible favour to be shown to the ward of Thomas Lucas, the rather for Mr. Killigrew's sake. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 231.]

Oct. 5. Salisbury. 20. The King to the Council. Having given order for the disarming of recusants, they are to require the Lord Lieutenants to cause knights, gentlemen, and yeomen of ability (not being recusants) to furnish themselves with such arms as shall be meet for their several households.

Oct. 5. 21. Copy of the preceding.

[Oct. 5.] 22. Another copy, undated and indorsed October 7, 1625.

Oct. 5. Lincoln. 23. Francis Earl of Rutland to the Council. The Trained Bands have been exercised and the coast surveyed. Places enumerated which are of greatest danger for the landing of an enemy. It were a safer way to have two or three ships on the coast.

Oct. 5. 24. Roll of the lading of the Golden Rose, of Hamburgh, with certificates of her despatch from Oporto. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 5. 25. Similar roll and certificates, with reference to the Golden Sun, of Hamburgh. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 6. Colton. 26. Sir Walter Aston to Sec. Conway. Desires that he may recal his Secretary home from Spain.

Oct. 6. Colchester. 27. Bishop Harsnet of Norwich, to Archbishop Abbot. Mr. Lucas, Bishop Harsnet's dearest friend being dead, and his heir in France, the Bishop prays for a license to Mr. Eyre to visit the heir for a pious purpose. The Archbishop's *fiat* for granting the solicited license is underwritten.

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Oct. 6. 28. Henry Brewer to Clare Marian. Arrival of a French Ambassador, to mitigate, it is hoped, some cruel pretences against the Roman Catholics. The heart of London worse infected than ever. Great miseries of the Roman Catholics. The ships not yet gone. The Duke is going for Holland on business not known. [*Copy of an intercepted letter.*]

Oct. 6. Pl mouth. 29. Sec. Coke to Sir Edward Cecil. Seeing, to his great grief, that the fleet had returned into the Sound in disorder, before he gave notice of this retreat, he thought fit to write to him. No news will be welcome but of his proceeding on his voyage. It concerns his honour to suspect those who give advice to lose time, or pretend the safety of the ships. Wars require hazard. If the safety of the ships were most to be respected, the way had been to have kept them at Chatham. If he does not give strict command that no boat go ashore his companies will scatter. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 6. Attleborough. 30. Robt. Earl of Sussex to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Warwick was sent to Harwich with the Council's letter for the command of the 3,000 men. That Earl had since been joined with the Earl of Sussex in the Lieutenantship. Had they been equally joined in the command of the army as they are in the Lieutenantship, the writer would most lovingly have embraced the Earl of Warwick; but, as it is, after all his pains taken, he is now in the opinion of the country rather a cipher than an assistant.

Oct. 6. Plymouth. 31. Sir John Eliot to the same. Lord Conway's son is shipped and gone, on whom Eliot waited to see him under sail on Wednesday morning (5th inst.) Part of the fleet then sailed with a fair wind, the rest following in the afternoon. The latter were last night put back into the Sound, the former recovering Falmouth. Admiral Nassau with the Dutch ships arrived just as they were going out, and attended the Duke in the Anne Royal at his parting with the Lord Marshal. The ships were at that instant forced in to Catwater with such haste and fear that divers had fallen foul of one another. He is now called upon to send out boats and men to them.

Oct. 6. Harwich. 32. Sir Thos. Meautys to the same. Coming to Harwich to ship himself for the Low Countries, he had been detained by command of the Earl of Warwick to advise him in ordering the troops. Had learned from Sir Hen. Carew, that his (Sir Thos.'s) company in the Low Countries was in danger of being cast, in consequence of his absence; the sentence had been revoked by the interference of Lord Tilbury, whom he wished Lord Conway to thank.

Oct. 7. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to the Turkey Company. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure for calling home Sir Thomas Roe and sending Sir Thomas Phillips thither, and willing them to conform themselves to his Majesty's pleasure, or else some of them that have not been in any infectious place to come to Court and show their reasons to the King. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 231.]

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Oct. 7. 33. Deed of covenant under the hand and seal of Capt. Richd. Gyffard. Gyffard having received, by order of the Duke of Buckingham, the bark called the Peter of Dunkirk, now in Portsmouth harbour, it is agreed, for the setting forth the said ship on a voyage with commission of reprisal, that Edw. Nicholas shall receive for the Duke's use (over and above the usual tenths), a third part of all goods taken by the said ship; one other third is to go to Capt. Gyffard for victualling the ship, and the remaining third to the captain and company, according to the custom of commissions of this nature.

Oct. 7. 34. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sec. Coke. The Admiral of Holland offered caution for the two ships from Guinea, knowing them to belong to Zealand, and desired earnestly that they might be despatched.

Oct. 7. Braintree. 35. Justices of Essex to the Council. The country is much grieved at the great sums of money levied for the maintenance of the forces at Harwich, and is apprehensive of the danger of this new precedent, many well remembering that they received pay from Queen Elizabeth in 1588, 1596, and 1599; they therefore pray that order may be given for their reimbursement.

Oct. 7. 36. Muster Roll of Archcliff Bulwark, for the year ending Michaelmas 1625.

Oct. 7. Sessions at Buckingham. 37. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Buckingham to the Council. Since the sea-fights and the fortification of the coast began, the houses of recusants had been extraordinarily frequented. The present repair to such houses exceeded those which foreran the attempts of the Spanish Invasion and the Gunpowder Treason. Disproportionable raising of men, horses, arms, munition of all sorts, extraordinary provision of meal stored, and the men trained; and this in houses of some that are absent, and of others who are in debt and decay. They recommend a search for priests, or disarming of recusants, the country being much affrighted.

Oct. 8. From aboard the Anne Royal. 38. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sec. Coke. Since the wind has served, he has been from ship to ship to make ready, for no warning will serve their turns, either with the Hollanders or the others. Now they stay only for the tide. He will not lose hour or minute, and will believe in neither captain nor master. No orders observed but those he follows in his own person. Requests a pilot, and advice as to whom he shall make his Rear-Admiral, Lord Denbigh or Sir John Chidley.

Oct. 8. Plymouth. 39. Sec. Coke to Sir Edw. Cecil. Had seen and read what he told him yesterday, that instructions were given by his captain, not in Sir Edward's name, but in his own. If those next him thus usurped upon him, what obedience could he expect from those farther off. Want of instructions occasioned the disorderly coming in of his fleet. Advises him to call aboard the captains who have received those instructions, to recall and disavow them, and to give out others. Expected an order in writing respecting the Lion, but has acted upon his message, taking out her victuals and dividing them amongst the fleet. [*Copy.*]

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Oct. 8. The Anne Royal. 40. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sec. Coke. Thanks for his information. The fault [of his captain] was committed rather out of ignorance than arrogance. They now wait for water. Should have written about the leaky condition of the Lion, but knew he was aware of it through the shipwrights. Thanks for his care and zeal in advertising him "true and home."

Oct. 8. Plymouth. 41. Sec. Coke to Buckingham. This evening the ships have put out again with a prosperous wind. The Lion left behind. Endeavours will be made to carry her to Chatham to be repaired in dry dock. The rest of the fleet, with the Earls of Essex and Denbigh, Lords Cromwell and Delaware, recovered Falmouth, where they await the Admiral. The Vanguard is before Rochelle. A French Admiral had put into Falmouth, and desired to be allowed to proceed to Plymouth overland. As he had come to discover the proceedings of our fleet, or to surprise Mons. Soubise's ships, Coke had advised the Captain of Pendennis to keep the French ships embargoed until his Majesty had notice, and to protect those of Mons. Soubise. The country complained of the multitude of soldiers that lie upon them.

Oct. 8. On board the Lion. 42. Sir Francis Stewart to the same. On the 5th he sailed after the Lord Marshal, returned with him, and followed him to Catwater, where the Lion made so much water that order was given for discharging her stores, and her flag was sent for by the Lord Marshal. Submits himself to the disposition of Buckingham.

Oct. 8. Blandford. 43. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Dorset to Sec. Conway. In obedience to directions to press 100 men, and to send them to the fleet at Plymouth, they hope to have them ready on Monday or Tuesday next; but understanding that the Duke passed yesterday through Blandford, and that the fleet was set to sea, they seek further directions.

Oct. 8. 44. Jo. Woodford to Sir Francis Nethersole. Sir Francis is advised to make use of the occasion of the Duke's coming into those parts to set himself straight with his Grace. It is presumed that he is too wise to neglect the advice given him at Oxford. The Duke has seen the fleet set sail, and, having first visited his Duchess, is to pass into Holland. Mons. de Blainville has arrived to see to the execution of the treaty of marriage between the King and Queen. He may expect, like his predecessors, more diamonds than we can spare. Mons. de Soubise is at Mr. John Poulett's house in Somersetshire. Granville, the lawyer, is sent with the fleet to supply the place of Secretary. Other Court news.

Oct. 8. Salisbury. 45. Sec. Conway to Edward Viscount Wimbledon. His Majesty had been made acquainted with Lord Wimbledon's letter to Sec. Coke, and commanded Lord Conway to charge him to keep all his men aboard, and take the first wind to put out.

Oct. 8. Dover Castle. 46. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Coke. Congratulations on his appointment. For his part, there shall be no man more "respective" than himself. The Dunkirk ships lie still. The Holland men attempted to fire them by burning two of their own ships, but did no good.

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Oct. 8. 47. List of the ships of his Majesty's fleet which put to sea for Spain this day from Plymouth; with the names of their Captains. [Corrected by Nicholas.]

Oct. 8. 48. Another similar list, with addition of the tonnage of the ships, and numbers of seamen on board the King's ships.

[Oct. 8.] 49. List of the ships, with the names of the colonels and captains of the several regiments embarked.

[Oct. 8.] 50. List of the ships as divided into squadrons, with the tonnage of every ship, and the numbers of seamen and soldiers on board.

[Oct. 8.] 51. List similar to the preceding.

[Oct. 8.] 52. Another list of ships serving in this expedition, with the tonnage, stowage, ballast, and other particulars.

[Oct. 8.] 53. Copy of the same.

[Oct. 8.] 54. Another copy.

[Oct. 8?] 55. List of the men belonging to the ship Bonaventure, with their several divisions, whereby every man may know his place, and what to take himself unto in time of fight.

Oct. 9. Plymouth. 56. Sec. Coke to Edw. Viscount Wimbledon. Had commanded the 14 ships which stayed behind on pain of death to weigh anchor, which they had obeyed. Had examined Mr. Rawley. He is a Warwickshire man by descent, and had followed the wars for seven years; is very contrite for having offended Lord Wimbledon, wherefore Coke sends him back either for further punishment or pardon. Desires to know what he hears about the ships at Falmouth.

Oct. 9. Hinton. 57. John Poulett to Sec. Conway. The next day after the King went from his house, he rode post to Plymouth to wait upon Mons. Soubise, who came yesterday to the writer's house. Some ships of the King of France designed to take a ship of Mons. Soubise out of the harbour of Falmouth. Conversation with Mons. Soubise thereon; his strong enforcement of a hope that his Majesty would protect his ships, and be the means to gain peace for the French protestants.

Oct. 9. From aboard the Esperanza. 58. Capt. Richard Gyffard to Nicholas. Did not come on shore to take leave of Nicholas, lest the Dutch might convey away goods out of the ship. Thanks for his love and well-wishing in spite of what evil and disparaging tongues spit out against Gyffard. Will see the ship safely delivered, in the hope that he may then attend the Duke's service in a better and more respected manner.

Oct. 9. 59. Note of the arms taken from recusants in co. Southampton.

Oct. 10. Salisbury. 60. John Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Sends petition of his servant, with request that it may be presented to the King. [It appears from an indorsement, that the petition referred to was that of a "Mr. Bainbridge."]

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[Oct. 10.] 61. Minute of petition of Christ. Bainbridge, that judgment might be entered upon a verdict obtained by him against Harris and Challenger, for cutting down 1,200 timber trees in the forest of Deane.

Oct. 10. 62. Muster roll of the garrison of Sandown Castle for the year ending Michælmas 1625.

Oct. 10. 63. Muster roll of the garrison of Deal Castle for the like period.

Oct. 10. London. 64. Nicholas Leatt to Sec. Conway. In the absence of the Governor and the rest of the Levant Company he has received the Sec.'s letter, apprising him that the King had given direction for a warrant to discharge Sir Thos. Roe and substitute Sir Thos. Phillips. All the Company are dispersed to avoid the sickness, and it is, therefore, not possible for any of them to attend the King to give him satisfaction; begs that the matter may be stayed. The sickness begins to cease, and before the term he hopes they will be returned.

Oct. 10. Bishop's Auckland. 65. Richard Neile, Bishop of Durham, to the Council. Sends a certificate of persons inhabiting within the co. of the Bishoprick on whom the loan may be imposed. Some of the most ancient names, as Eure, Conyers, Bowes, and others, omitted on account of their decayed estates. Sir William Bellasis, the High Sheriff, suggested as Receiver.

Oct. 11. Dover Castle. 66. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Had seen a warrant from the Council for Mr. Hugessen to attend. If the Duke had been there he would have given reasons for sparing him at this time. By taking him away the King will lose 2,000*l.*, and the design of burning the ships at Dunkirk fall to nothing. Hugessen is the man that Sir John employs in that matter, and in fitting out the four ships, which is all done upon credit. Intreats that for small things such a man should not be discouraged.

Oct. 11. Salisbury. 67. Sir Sidney Montagu to the City of Exeter. Incloses a petition of Thos. Walker, lately chosen Mayor of Exeter. If the reasons alleged for his not being eligible are true, they are to proceed to a new election.

[Oct. 11.] 68. Receipt for a gold chain, a jewelled hat band, various sums of money in Spanish coin and other articles of value, derived from the ships brought into Plymouth, and by the Mayor handed over to Gabriel Marsh, by appointment of the Duke of Buckingham.

Oct. 11. Salisbury. Proclamation for the further adjournment of Michaelmas term from the fourth to the fifth return, and from Westminster to Reading. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 29.]

Oct. 11. Wigan. 69. John Bridgman, Bishop of Chester, to Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Acknowledges the receipt of directions concerning tenths and subsidies. Sent information to the Council on Sept. 25, that Sir Thos. Gerard had sworn the death of the King, and that there was a plot to be sped in Warwickshire or Worcestershire. Desires directions what to do with Sir Thos. and other prisoners under arrest. Meetings of recusants, seditious speeches of Thos. Helme and widow Jaques.

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Oct. $\frac{11}{21}$. Rome. 70. Testimonial under the hand of Thomas Fitzherbert, Rector of the English College, at Rome, and under the seal of the college, that Troilus Lovell had remained at the college for six days, during which time he had attended divine service and received the sacrament.

Oct. 12. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Wm. Earl of Northampton. Recommending in the Duke of Buckingham's name, Sir Thomas Harris to be Chief Justice of Chester. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 231.]

Oct. 12. Salisbury. The same to Sir Edward Cecil, Lord Marshal of the Army. Taking notice of the ships being driven back with contrary winds, requires the men may be kept on board, and that he lose not the first wind. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 12. Salisbury. The same to Sir Francis Gofton. To send a note of the King's jewels, out of which his Majesty will make choice of some to be sent into the Low Countries; and, therefore, he may prepare such warrants for delivering them as may be sufficient for the Lord Brooke's discharge and his. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 12. Salisbury. The same to Fulke Lord Brooke. The Duke of Buckingham goes Ambassador to the Hague, and is to carry with him such of the King's jewels as his Lordship hath in his custody; he is, therefore, prayed to send up the keys by some trusty messenger for delivering them. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 232.]

Oct. 12. Salisbury. 71. Ralph Hopton to [Sir Dudley Carleton?]. Explains how two former letters had chanced to miscarry. Desires advice concerning his service under Count Mansfeldt. Did not go with the fleet because it went not on the ground which Sir Dudley esteemed most necessary, the war being begun without money, and the fleet, as he fears, not properly victualled. The miseries he suffered in the last expedition make him afraid to command men without the means to support them. His expectation of a press for 600 men to reinforce his company under Count Mansfeldt is not realized. If Sir Dudley deems him bound to return he will not fail; otherwise, he begs him to procure his discharge. Trusts there will be cause to be glad of the Duke's journey. Hopes of the papists to regain their power.

Oct. 12. Lichfield. 72. Dep. Lieuts. of Staffordshire to the Council. Send list of persons to be applied to for the loan.

Oct. 12. Caversham. 73. Sir Henry Mildmay to Sec. Conway. Since there is a necessity for mortgaging the Crown jewels, yet, in regard there are too many, both in the Court and kingdom, who look upon the Duke's proceedings with more than a curious eye, he begs Lord Conway to consider whether the King should not take the advice of the Council for the transportation and pawning of the jewels out of the realm, and a warrant under the Great Seal be founded thereon.

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Oct. 13. Skipton Castle. 74. Francis Earl of Cumberland and Henry Lord Clifford to the Council. Recapitulate their proceedings under orders for arming and fortifying the Northern counties, and also for returning the names of persons to be rated to the loan. Inclose letters received from the Dep. Lieuts. and others of Northumberland, on both those subjects. No answer as yet from the town of Newcastle or the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland. *Inclose,*

74. I. *Dep. Lieuts. and others of Northumberland to the Earl of Cumberland and Lord Clifford. That* 500 *foot and* 500 *horse are the most that can be enrolled in their county. On survey of the coast, various places are pointed out as being in great danger. The county wholly disfurnished of all military provision.* 1625, *Oct.* 8.

74. II. *The same to the same; same date. Certify the present great and general want of money, and poverty, of that country on account of certain special reasons which are stated, and pray that for that time they may be spared from lending monies.*

Oct. 13. Hardwick. 75. Wm. Earl of Devonshire to the Council. Sends a paper book of persons thought fittest to be lenders on Privy Seals in the co. of Derby.

Oct. 14. Pendennis. 76. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Lord Conway's son, Sir Edw. Conway, in company with the Earl of Essex, and 40 sail of several squadrons, sailed on the Saturday preceding, and are thought to have joined the fleet off the Lizard. Desires directions respecting Mons. Soubise's ship, the St. John, which the French Vice Admiral wished to be allowed to capture.

Oct. 14. 77. Copy of the above; misdated, 1625, Oct. 19.

Oct. 14. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Captain Bonython. Concerning the refuged ships of Mons. Soubise and the Vice Admiral of France, who came in pursuit of those ships, and demanded some of them to be delivered to him, Captain Bonython did well in refusing it; is desired to give particular account of all passages and circumstances in that point, and is directed how to carry himself for the future with good respect to the Vice Admiral, but suffering him not to seize upon any of the refuged ships. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 232.]

Oct. 14. Salisbury. The same to Sec. Coke. Sending the letter to Captain Bonython, and a copy of it. The King leaves to him the providing for the safety of the Lion. No directions yet given how Sir Francis Stewart shall dispose of himself. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 14. 78. Note of matters to be reported on behalf of the Lord Admiral to the Council. They principally relate to the supply of ordnance and ammunition to forts, amongst others to Pendennis, where there was not one piece of ordnance mounted to defend the ships of Mons. Soubise, or inhibit any act of the Vice Admiral of France.

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Oct. 15. 79. Bill of Sir Lewes Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, for coaches and attendances upon Extraordinary Ambassadors from the 26th of July to this day (350*l.*)

Oct. 15. Lees. 80. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. On the 5th inst. he discharged the army. The engineer and workmaster out of Holland had arrived. The Earl would have brought them to the Court for directions, but received a message that the Duke would be at his house on his way to Harwich. Not hearing further of his coming, he writes for directions. Will answer the letter about the Privy Seals by word of mouth.

Oct. 15. Blandford Forum. 81. John Gardner to [Sec. Conway]. Relates the circumstances of the detention of the Orange Tree at Weymouth, and requests directions, the ship being leaky, and the cargo perishing.

Oct. 15. Certificate of Sec. Conway, that Thos. Bedingfield of co. Suffolk, taking notice of the proclamation of the 11th Sept. last, had left the service of the King of Spain and now offered to serve the King. [*Copy. Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book.—France. Vol.* clxxviii., *p.* 248.]

Oct. 16. Kingston. 82. James Maxwell to Sec. Conway. For dispatch of a grant of the advowson of Wigan, belonging to Sir Rich. Fleetwood.

Oct. 16. Warwick. 83. Fulke Lord Brooke to the same. When Chancellor of the Exchequer he received, by virtue of that office, his Majesty's jewels. On leaving that office he made earnest suit to deliver up the charge, but they still rest in his hands. Lately he has delivered many principal jewels without legal warrant. Now Lord Conway writes to him for "jewels" without naming particulars. Begs a warrant under the King's hand. Has been a prisoner to age and indisposition of body these many days. Sends his servant to attend the King with the keys.

Oct. 16. 84. Rich. Cottle to Sec. Coke. A very weighty trunk has been shipped by night on board the Elizabeth, of London, bound for Calais. He believes this is the trunk "we seek for." Begs for a search warrant.

Oct. 16. Salisbury. 85. D. G., a gentleman of the Queen's Household, to a friend in France. He details various mortifications and humiliations said to be practised in the Queen's house. The Queen's confessor will not endure that she should read Barclay's Argenis, nor Amadis de Gaul, but only St. Katharine's life, or St. Bridget's prophecies. [*Copy; said to have been translated from the French.*]

Oct. 17. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Robt. Earl of Sussex. Giving him particular satisfaction in the point of exception against the Earl of Warwick being joined in commission of Lieutenancy with him, and having instructions from the King. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 232.]

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Oct. 17. Stockwell. 86. Sir Francis Gofton to Sec. Conway. Sends an account of what jewels remain in the Tower. All the choice diamonds were taken out by Lord Brooke on his Majesty's going to Canterbury. Knows of no others; but has heard that Sir Francis Cottington brought some out of Spain. *Incloses,*

86. I. *The account of jewels above alluded to.*

Oct. 17. Blackwall. 87. Ken. Edisbury to Nicholas. John Heath, boatswain of the King's yard at Deptford, having been sent out to press carpenters, had died on the road. Thos. Coke is recommended in his place, and John Harrison and John Newman for other offices.

Oct. 17. Hatfield. 88. Wm. Earl of Salisbury, to Sec. Conway. In obedience to the King's letters [respecting the loan] he had taken a strict survey of the county, and in the proportions had looked with a faithful eye upon his Majesty's occasions rather than upon the disposition of the people. The Dep. Lieuts. hope that their more than ordinary travail and expense in his Majesty's service will move to their own discharge from contributing on this occasion.

Oct. 17. Dover Castle. 89. Sir John Hippisley to the same. On Thursday, at night, 21 of the Holland ships lying before Dunkirk were almost destroyed by a storm: five driven into Dover dismasted. Of the 4 ships sent from Dover one had returned, the rest were held for lost. The Dunkirkers are now masters of the sea. He has but 16 men in the castle; earnestly solicits reinforcements.

Oct. 17. Salisbury. Proclamation for avoiding all intercourse between the Court at Windsor and Hampton Court, and the cities of London and Westminster. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 30.]

Oct. 18. Lees. 90. Robt. Earl of Warwick, to Sec. Conway. On Friday last, a man-of-war, supposed of Dunkirk, came into Colne water and sounded the Channel. The late storm had caused 18 of the Holland men-of-war to cut their masts by the board; 4 are sunk in the road, and one Scottish ship lost, and 2 English; a third English ship is ashore at Calais. The ships of Dunkirk may now go out at their pleasure. The Duke is hourly expected.

Oct. 18. Plymouth. 91. Gabriel Marsh to Nicholas. Hastened affairs all he could, but the English masters found great want of sails, masts, and cables, and there is great backwardness in providing men. The wind had been constantly fair for the fleet. The "great masters" think they are at Cadiz. Three ships and 300 men stayed behind at Falmouth, where they plundered two Hamburghers from Oporto.

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Oct. 19. Chester. 1. Justices of co. Chester to the Council. Wm. Whitmore, a recusant, was disarmed, and his armour kept by Sir Hen. Bunbury. The recusant being dead, it is prayed that his armour may be restored to Wm. Whitmore his son, who is conformable to the laws.

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Oct. 19. Hartford Bridge. 2. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Tidings have reached him on the road of the great losses by the late storm, so as if the Dunkirkers take the opportunity, our seas, coasts, and ships are without guard. He will write immediately to hasten away all merchant ships, and to cause them to be stayed in the Downs. Solicits Conway to order the Great Neptune to the Downs. The main danger is lest in these dark nights they attempt Chatham. He will therefore order the guards to be doubled, and the forts and castle to be manned and provided. He will also direct the Dep. Lieuts. to be ready to come down with the Train Bands. Conway may see if it be good service to deprive ourselves of our merchant ships to serve other men's turns.

Oct. 19. 3. Charles Earl of Nottingham and John Earl of Holderness, Lord Lieuts. of Surrey to the Council. Send a certificate of gentlemen and others (not being of the nobility or clergy) of ability to contribute to the loan. The sum amounts to 2,290*l.*

Oct. 19. Salisbury. Sec Conway to the Commissioners for the subsidy in Hampshire. Concerning the choice of Mr. Hunt, the King's servant, to be a collector of the subsidies. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 232.]

Oct. 19. 4. Certificate of the Earl of Pembroke, Lord Conway, and Sir Lewes Lewkenor, in favour of a bill of Tho. Sheares for coaches for the French Ambassador. *Annexed is,*

4. 1. *Bill of Thos. Sheares for coaches as before,* 68*l.* 15*s. The service extends from the* 12*th of May, to the* 24*th of June,* 1625. *Underwritten by the Duke of Buckingham, and also by Richard Graham, who states that the Duke desired the poor man might have his money.*

Oct. 19. Chatham. 5. Joshua Downing to the Commissioners of the Navy. Further report of the losses of the Hollanders and English in the storm of the 13th. Of the four English men-of-war, three were cast away at Calais, with above 240 men; the 4th came into Dover dismasted. Three ships now in the Downs; two without Captains, masters, or gunners on board, and the third without victuals. Seven ships prepared at Dover to fire the Dunkirk ships, and the morning of the storm Sir John Hippisley and the writer went out to view the manner of the Dunkirk ships riding, but were obliged to put back. The Dover men through grief and fear will by no means undertake any further.

Oct. 19. Waterford. 6. Sir Edw. Villiers to Nicholas. Stephen Light, boatswain of the ship which brought Sir Edw. to Ireland, has prayed his letters to the Duke: recommends him for promotion.

Oct. 20. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to the Lord Mayor of London. On behalf of William Tym for an under-clerk's place. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 232.]

Oct. 20. Salisbury. The same to Fulke Lord Brooke. To send a note of the jewels in his charge, out of which his Majesty will make his choice, and then give sufficient warrant for delivering them. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Oct. 20. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sir Robert Pye. Pressing for payment of the 2,000*l.* to the Office of the Ordnance, for furnishing forth the ships that are to carry over the Duke. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 233.]

[Oct. 20 ?] 7. Minute of requests by Sir Henry Mildmay; that a warrant be sent to Auditor Gofton for delivery of the jewels to Sir Henry; with his opinion as to the manner in which the jewels in his charge should be comprehended in the Great Seal [authorizing him to deliver over the jewels for the purpose of raising money upon them.]

Oct. 20. Salisbury. 8. Warrant to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay to Thos. Donkyn his expenses in bringing letters from Sir Dudley Carleton. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 20. Salisbury. 9. Wm. Earl of Northampton to Buckingham. His grace, being willing that Sir Thos. Harris should be appointed Justice of Chester, had sent a message to the Earl thereon, who protests that the baronet, in the opinion of all men, is thought so absolutely unfit, for many respects which he forbears to write, that he cannot recommend him or give way to him.

Oct. [20.] 10. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Prays him to deliver two packets to his Majesty, and to intreat him to burn the accompanying letter. He is also to make the Duke's excuses for staying so long, which should not have been, though a wife and the weather were something. To write to Sir John Coke at Portsmouth that the prizes are not to set forward towards London, till there was a better guard before Dunkirk, which the Duke hopes to effect. He is making all haste to Harwich.

Oct. 20. Salisbury. 11. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Sends his commission and instructions. Communications about the jewels with Lord Brooke and Auditor Gofton. Lord Arundel moved in the Council that the recusant noblemen should certify their own arms, which was not thought to answer his Majesty's ends. [In the margin of this letter the Duke has written his comments on its contents, amongst them is the following, "My Lord Brooke is naturally full of delay, therefore I pray you both hasten him and the rest."]

Oct. 20. Castle of Pendennis. 12. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Gives a full account of proceedings between himself and Mons. de Menti, the French Vice Admiral, respecting the St. John, a ship of Mons. de Soubise, with the appeal made by the French Vice Admiral to the Earl of Essex. Requests directions. Want of stages for the packet from Falmouth to Plymouth. His neighbour Sir John Killigrew is in frequent communication with the French Vice Admiral, with a view to some complaint against Bonython.

Oct. 20. 13. Copy of the preceding.

Oct. 20. 14. Orders agreed upon at Oakhampton by the gentry of Devon, for the maintenance of the beacons and defence of the county from invasion.

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Oct. 20. Chester. 15. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. The state of the gentry is much impaired, but he hopes the sums to be raised by loan will far exceed any former loans of this kind. Sends the names of the able persons in Lancashire and Cheshire. *Incloses,*

15. I. *Dep. Lieuts. of Lancashire to the Earl of Derby. Send names of persons fit to lend in that county. They have been particular, in accordance with the King's letter, in finding out men of good personal estate and rich tradesmen. They have certified every knight* 20 *marks, and every esquire* 10*l. Sir Gilbert Houghton exempted as his Majesty's servant in ordinary.* 1625, *Oct* 18.

15. II. *Dep. Lieuts. of Cheshire to the same. The gentlemen distaste the motion by reason many of them have lent, some once, some twice, and some thrice, without repayment. Have favoured former lenders, and been careful to inform themselves of moneyed men who employ the same in usury.*

Oct. 20. Sprowston. 16. Sir John Corbett and Francis Mapes, Esq., to the Dep. Lieuts. of Norfolk. According to their directions, the writers had advised with the bailiffs of Great Yarmouth, and such engineers as they could get, what fortifications were necessary to secure that town and the shipping in the haven from being fired by small boats. Send a minute certificate upon the subject. *Underwritten,*

16. I. *Note of the weight of the ordnance remaining in Yarmouth.*

16. II. *The Council to the Dep. Lieuts. of Norfolk and Suffolk, urging upon those counties the propriety of contributing to the fortification of Yarmouth. Copy.* 1588, *June* 9.

Oct. 21. Muswell Hill. 17. Sir John Ogle [to Sec. Conway]. Is advised by a true noble friend to keep himself in the King's service. Solicits a deanery, or some civil function, if that be judged more fitting. Had moved his grace about setting over his company in the Netherlands, but fears he should have asked him to speak thereon, not to the Prince of Orange, but to the Queen of Bohemia.

Oct. 21. Newcastle. 18. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Have sent one of their aldermen to give information of the true state of the town for provision of arms and safety. There used to be good store of great ordnance in the King's castle of Tynemouth, but the most part were removed in the late reign. The castle called New Castle in the heart of the town is in the co. of Northumberland, and is in great ruin.

Oct. 21. Fort of Pendennis. 19. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. The French forces, which he had said were 800 or 900, were not more than half as many. They will shortly be in want. Begs him to consider the state of that place and harbour. The fort so much in decay, that they have not one carriage for a piece of ordnance.

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Oct. 22. Salisbury. 20. Bishop Williams, Lord Keeper, to Sec. Conway. Waits only for the King's answer to his petitions. Has modestly confined his desires of moment unto justice and the law of the land. That received, he shall return to Foxley near Windsor, where his papers are, that when his Majesty passes that way he may deliver up the Seal orderly and decently to any Lord of the Council whom his Majesty shall send to receive the same.

Oct. 22. Salisbury. 21. Jas. Earl of Carlisle to Buckingham. The French Ambassador has more and more employed his wit to make the greater discovery of his own folly. He alleges that he has power for monies and new levies to enable the party in Germany to subsist. Resolution is taken not to answer till they shall understand that Buckingham is ready to pass into France, and then the Ambassador should be told that a commission would be sent to Buckingham.

Oct. 22. [Lees?] 22. Buckingham to Sec. Coke. Since his being there [Lees?], he has understood of the Dunkirkers getting forth. They have gone northwards with 4,000 land troops on board. Requests Sec. Coke to come to him on the morrow, and to learn what shipping might be made ready of the East India merchants or others. Fears their intentions are for Ireland. No other course than to make all haste after them.

Oct. 22. Salisbury. 23. The Council to Buckingham. In consequence of the great disaster happened in the late storm, the Dunkirkers, who have a fleet of 22 ships, with 4,000 land troops on board, are now at liberty to take their course. The Council communicate to the Duke the suggestions of Sec. Coke, [*see Vol.* VIII., *No.* 2,] and their orders for carrying the same into execution. Have pregnant reasons for doubting that the invasion of Ireland is aimed at. Have written to the Lord Lieut.

Oct. 22. Usk. 24. Dep. Lieuts. of Monmouth to Edw. Earl of Worcester. They had prepared men and arms for foot and horse answerable to his Lordship's directions.

Oct. 22. Dover Castle. 25. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Coke. Total loss of three English ships. The fourth shall be ready for sea again within 14 days. He beseeches the Secretary to give "these men "content, or else they and he are undone. The Dunkirkers are all loose and gone northward spoiling the fishermen at Yarmouth. Capts. Pennington and Wilbraham have been with him, and intend to go after the Dunkirkers on Monday. Mr. Trumbull is landed.

Oct. 22. Salisbury. 26. Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Rich. Weston to Buckingham. Burlamachi was willing to advance 70,000*l.* 30,000*l.* for the King of Denmark for one mouth, and 40,000*l.* to Count Mansfeldt for two months, on terms which are detailed for Buckingham's approval. Full particulars are given of various necessary payments which were falling into arrear.

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Oct. 22. 27. Petition of the Captains and Trained Men and other young men of the city of Bristol to the Council, for authority to set up an artillery yard within their city, where they may learn and practice the use of arms.

Oct. 23. Aboard the Garland in the Downs. 28. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Losses in the storm of the 13th. On Monday last 12 of the Dunkirkers came out, and on Friday 10 more. On the morrow he purposes to sail in pursuit with 5 ships. Want of stores and provisions, arising from want of money. If the Duke holds his resolution in going for the Low Countries, he ought to have a very good guard of ships.

Oct. 23. Salisbury. 29. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Reports directions given by the Council on the loss of ships in the storm. The French Ambassador demands certain ships. He has been informed that he shall have justice. His Grace has already been told how much the Ambassador played the offended man, and how good he desired to seem to be. Packets from Buckingham were delivered to the King, after waiting three hours whilst he was with the Queen, where the countenance and outward forms were very gracious and the Queen exceedingly pleased, the rather on return of a Gentleman Usher from France sent with beagles to the Queen-mother.

Oct. 23. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. His advice upon the disaster before Dunkirk is well approved, and accordingly order is sent down to stay the prizes at Plymouth. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 233.]

Oct. 23. 30. John Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Recommends Mr. Neville for a company in Ireland.

[Oct. 23.] 31. Directions from the Dep. Lieuts. of Hants to the Colonels of the Trained Bands of that county, for training their men, inspecting their arms, and also for mustering and proceeding to the places of rendezvous, in case the beacons are fired.

Oct. 23. Tichborne. 32. Sir Benj. Tichborne to Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. of Hants. The Captains' books for the Trained Bands are imperfect by reason of the infection. Sends orders formerly agreed upon in contemplation of invasion, and also directions which the Dep. Lieuts. have now sent to the Colonels. The men number 5,300. *Incloses,*

32. I. *Copies of letters from Dep. Lieuts. of Hants to the Justices of the Peace. To cause the beacons to be repaired, provided with wood, and diligently watched, with instructions for firing the same on certain signals from the Isle of Wight.* 1625, *Sept.* 12.

32. II. *Directions for the Colonels.*

Oct. 24. 33. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Contradictory accounts respecting the course of the Dunkirkers. Ships are making ready, but want of money is the chief let. He is preparing to go instantly to the Duke. Sends a letter to be addressed to Sir Thos. Coventry by his new title [Lord Keeper]. It is to recommend Thos. Alured to be his Secretary.

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Oct. 24. Twickenham. 34. Sir Geo. Paul to Sec. Conway. Opposition in Middlesex and Surrey to raising money on Privy Seals. Great calmness with which the subject of supply was discussed in the Parliament at Oxford. General astonishment that, whilst two subsidies are gathering, loans should be demanded. So great discontent in the parts adjacent to London, as if nothing but calamity and poverty had spread itself throughout the counties. Miserable condition of tradesmen, artificers, and farmers, consequent upon the plague and stoppage of trade. Blame thrown on the obstinacy of Sir Edw. Coke and his adherents, and suggestion that the King's want might be supplied in a Parliamentary way, if these persons were made Sheriffs of the counties where they have land, and could not then be admitted to the House of Commons.

Oct. 24. Dover Castle. 35. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Craves his favour for Mr. Reading, that having been made the King's Chaplain, he may be appointed a prebend of Canterbury extraordinary. Is going that day to wait on the Duke.

Oct. 24. 36. Examination of Edward Tarbock, taken before the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Left England in 1622; has been in the service of Spain in the Low Countries; was shipped at Dunkirk on the 17th inst., and put ashore in Thanet on account of his ill health.

Oct. 24. Salisbury. 37. Sir John Suckling to Buckingham. His Majesty, having advertisement that the plague was in six or seven houses at Windsor, had resolved to go to Hampton, where it was thought he would winter. The Treasurer somewhat cold respecting a grant of the petty farms, probably to Suckling. Minor offices in the Household filled up, except that held by Sir Charles Glemham. To-morrow Suckling goes to the Lord Keeper's house with a warrant to receive the Great Seal, and bring it to the King at Hampton Court, where, on Sunday next, it will be bestowed on Mr. Attorney General. This is a due disgrace to one who had been unthankful and unfaithful to his Grace, and may the like misfortune befall all such as shall tread in his hateful path, and presume to lift their heel against their maker.

Oct. 25. Battersea. 38. Peter du Bois to Sir Robert Pye, Auditor of the Exchequer, and collector of money to be raised from strangers by Privy Seals. He had received a Privy Seal of 1,000*l.*, and was required to answer by the messenger. It is not possible for him to make any loan. His merchandise used to find vent in Spain. He has kept many people at work during this lamentable time, and is thereby very deeply engaged.

Oct. 25. Garradon. 39. Francis Earl of Rutland to the Council. Had sent a list of persons in Lincolnshire able to contribute to the loan. The country pray they may be eased of the charge of watching the beacons.

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Oct. 25. Newelm Lodge. 40. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to the Council. Repairing to Sonning with force, to take possession of the house of Sir Richard Lydall, they found that he had withdrawn, whereupon they delivered the same to indifferent parties, allowing Lady Lydall and her children to remain there for the present.

Oct. 25. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to the Master of the Wards. To grant to the Earl Marshal the wardship of the young Lord Stafford. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 233.]

Oct. 25. Salisbury. The same to Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester. To admit Dr. Middleton to the place of Confessor of the Household. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 26. Tottenham. 41. Sec. Coke to Buckingham. The Assurance and all the prizes had arrived in the Downs, and would be inLondon in a few tides. Sends a letter to authorize the Commissioners to proceed until a commission may be gotten out of the Admiralty Court. Sir Allen Apsley writes that two ships have wilfully left the fleet and turned pirates, *Incloses,*

41. I. *Form of letter above referred to.*

Oct. 26. Warwick. 42. Fulke Lord Brooke to Sec. Conway. He could not send an inventory of the jewels. The Auditor is the only vouchee for that account, and without him never any man opened or entered those doors. Has sent his secretary to London Age and sickness (the gentlemen ushers of death) had imprisoned him for a while.

Oct. 26. Steventon. 43. Sir Thos. Coteel to Sir Robt. Pye. Has received a Privy Seal for the loan of 1,000*l.* Will lend 2,000*l.* more to have his former debt repaid. When the sickness ceases he will repair to London, and give Sir Robt. contentment.

Oct. 26. Melchborne. 44. Oliver Earl of Bolingbroke to Sec. Conway. At a meeting of the gentlemen and chiefest of the freeholders of the co. of Huntingdon, a contribution to the extraordinary charges of the co. of Essex being propounded, they all desired to be excused, pleading poverty and the other reasons inclosed. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Reasons that the country tender in excuse of their inability to render any contribution to the county of Essex; the reasons are chiefly the payment of the subsidies, and the calamities consequent upon an inundation in the spring.*

Oct. 27. 45. James Earl of Carlisle to the same. It was his Majesty's pleasure that Sec. Conway should send to the Earl of Clanrickard and all the Lords of the Council to attend his Majesty on Saturday night, or Sunday at the farthest, that in this urgent necessity, when the safety of his kingdoms is in question, he may lose no time to prevent the subtilty and resolution of his enemies. Lord Conway is in the house of the best cheer in England.

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Oct. 27. Southampton. 46. Mayor of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Only two barks in that port; one bound for Morlaix with part of her lading aboard, the other a Jersey bark. Desires to be informed whether he may press the latter as she belongs to Jersey.

Oct. 27. Tottenham. 47. Sec. Coke to the same. He had waited on the Duke of Buckingham at Lees. The Duke had ordered that eight or ten thousand pounds found in the prizes at Dover should be employed, one half in buying powder and arms to be sent to Ireland, and the remainder in setting out more ships. Had written to Sir James Bagg to apprehend the Captains of the ships returned from the fleet, and certify the truth to the Council.

Oct. 27. Auckland. 48. Bishop Neile of Durham to the same. Remits a letter received from Newcastle. He had advised that Tynemouth Haven should be secured, and that the Hollanders set on shore should be relieved. Newcastle lies open to the enemy, who besides the spoil of a great, populous, and very rich town, may burn 200 or 300 ships, for there are oftentimes so many lying in the river. Prays that the Privy Seals may be sent as soon as may be, as he desires to be moving out of those Northern parts before the winter, when men say there will be no travelling by coach. Reports on the state of the Trained Bands. Inquires whether snaphances may not be tolerated in lieu of firelocks in regard of the new charge. Also reports the result of a search for arms amongst the recusants. A basilisk piece of great ordnance and other things were left in Witton Castle, the seat of Lord Eure, in regard of his degree. *Incloses,*

48. I. *Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Bishop of Durham.* 14 *or* 15 *great ships of Dunkirk are on the coast. They have burnt* 60 *Holland fishing ships, and have also taken* 2 *Holland men of war. One hundred and thirty Dutch fishermen put by the Dunkirkers on board English ships which have brought them into Newcastle. Solicit the Bishop to join with them in advising for the general safety, and in relieving the distressed fishermen.* 1625, *Oct.* 26.

Oct. 28. Dover Castle. 49. Sir John Hippisley to the Council. Replies to a complaint made against him by Mons. de Blainville, the French Ambassador, for not pressing a bark to convey him across to Boulogne. *Incloses,*

49. I. *Copy of pass of Lord Conway (notwithstanding the late restraint) for a person repairing into France with five others in his company.* 1625, *Oct.* 10.

Oct. 28. Richmond. 50. Sir Robert Pye to Sec. Conway. Finding the importance of the service, he had endeavoured the best he could, and 1,000*l.* lies ready in the Exchequer. Should he answer all the Lord Treasurer's warrants he should leave little money for the King or the safety of the kingdom. Had not rested until he satisfied the Clerk of the Ordnance.

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Oct. 28. Dover Castle. 51. Sir John Hippisley to [Sec. Conway.] Had seen Lord Conway's hand twice against him, but beseeches him not to conceive ill of him until he had deserved it. Had answered the complaint of the French Ambassador to the Council. The Holland men had fought with the Dunkirkers, and had disabled two of their ships with the loss of a man-of-war of their own. The Dunkirkers had taken some 60 busses laden with fish. They are all gone northward.

Oct. 28. 52. Extract from the above.

Oct. 28. London. 53. John Fortrye to Sir Robt. Pye. Returns a Privy Seal misdirected, and intreats that, if intended for him, such a heavy burthen may not be put upon him.

Oct. 28. Crosby House. 54. Sir Maurice Abbot to Sec. Coke. Had conferred with a committee of such persons connected with the East India Company as best understand some particular services respecting which Sir John Coke had written to him, [apparently their power of assisting in the warehousing of goods and victualling of ships], but they could give no answer until they had been to the Court. If they proceeded with their trade to the Indies, their own houses were only sufficient for their own occasions. The master of every ship should cure his own provisions. An arrival of 100 or 200 hogsheads of Irish beef expected very shortly.

Oct. 28. [Wanstead.] 55. Sir Hen. Mildmay to Sec. Conway. Has sent towards Harwich all the jewels of value within his charge. If his Majesty will have any more they must be of silver and gilt. Desires allowance for himself, two officers, and a jeweller. Understands the jewels in Lord Brooke's custody will come to a poor sum.

Oct. 28. Brecon. 56. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Brecknock to the Council. They find that Roger Williams, conductor of 100 pressed men from that county to Plymouth, has been much wronged by the accusation of receiving money to discharge men committed to him. They petition that there should be an examination into the circumstances under which so many soldiers have returned with passports.

Oct. 28. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 57. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Sec. Conway. The Duke of Buckingham had apprised them of the coming of the Dunkirk fleet, and directed them to report to Lord Conway. On the 26th, 15 Dunkirk great ships were off Scarborough, and eight Hollanders, of whom they sunk two, and put the rest to flight. The Dunkirkers made spoil of 70 Holland busses, and put 140 fishermen on board an English ship coming to Newcastle. The fishermen had been relieved, and 20*l.* given to a ship to land them at Enckhuysen. The Dunkirkers have now gone farther northward, and about Yarmouth roads there are 13 sail of Holland men-of-war going in pursuit of them. The Dunkirkers offer no violence to English men or ships.

Oct. 29 Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sir Henry Palmer. Giving him notice that the coast is clear, and therefore requiring him to come away with the prizes from Plymouth. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 283].

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Oct. 29. London. 58. Gideon de Laune to Sir Robt. Pye. Is unable to satisfy a Privy Seal sent to him. Has given his little property to his children, reserving a stipend to himself and his wife. Profits from his apothecary shop frustrated by the deaths of his servants of the sickness.

Oct. 29. From the Bay of Cadiz. 59. Sir Wm. St. Leger [to Buckingham.] The fleet came into the bay of Cadiz on the 22d. On the 23d, the fort of Puntal was attacked by the Earl of Essex. An attempt to land troops close under the fort failed; but having landed at another place the fort capitulated. On the 24th, on rumour of an attack, the men marched towards the bridge, where, being faint and without provisions, the Marshal gave them wine, under the influence of which they became unmanageable. On survey of the town, it appeared that it could only be taken by siege, for which they were unprovided; they therefore embarked their men again, to their great dishonour. St. Leger proposed to march to St. Lucar, but it was not hearkened unto. The action was too great for their abilities. He is so much ashamed, that he wishes he may never live to see his Sovereign, which he thinks he shall not do, for his heart is broken. They are now standing for the Southward Cape, where, if they miss the fleet, they shall do nothing.

Oct. 29. Plymouth. 60. Sir James Bagg to Sec. Conway. Accounts for letters to Sir Henry Palmer and Capt. Gyles, sent to him to be delivered. One of the horse-ships of the fleet, having suffered damage in the great storm and lost the fleet, had returned to Mount's Bay. From her report, Bagg hopes that the storm did no great hurt to the fleet.

Oct. 30. 61. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. Mr. Cannon [who signs the letter] had agreed to give Fulnetby 115*l.* for his place in the Admiralty. Fulnetby wishes Nicholas to arrange for his security, on his doing which he will resign his place and silver oar.

Oct. 30. Newelm Lodge. 62. Wm. Viscount Wallingford, Lord Lieut. of Berks and Oxon, to the Council. Returns the names of persons able to lend to his Majesty.

Oct. 30. Foxley. 63. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to Sir George Goring. Hopes Sir George will hear that the Bishop bears his crosses with patience and temper. As for the Duke, although questioning his justice in casting off an old servant unheard, he will not forget his former bounties. The Bishop never spoke a word or did an act with intent to prejudice him. In the consultation about the dissolution of the Spanish treaty, (which the Duke made the Bishop's sin against the Holy Ghost,) he differed from the Duke as to the best way to serve the Duke and save himself. The Duke refused to speak to him, or to answer any of his letters. When the Duke shall produce the Bishop's letters (of which he has spoken) to prove his falsehood, the world will be convinced that he suffers deservedly; in the meantime he is a kind of martyr. Must live upon 1,000 marks a year. Has served the King, since his father's death, at his own charges.

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Oct. 30. Brooke House. 64. Jo. Dawson to Sec. Conway. Sends by Lord Brooke's Secretary a memorial of all the King's jewels in the custody of Lord Brooke, few of which seemed to be of worth; the best being in Lord Compton's custody for the King's own use and wearing. If the King makes choice of any of them, Sir Francis Gofton will fetch them out of the Tower. *Incloses,*

64. I. *List of jewels remaining in the Queen's chest, with an appended list of jewels delivered to Lord Compton, [Master of the Robes,] on May* 30, 1625, *for the King's own use.*

64. II. *Similar list of jewels remaining in the old chest.*

Oct. 30. Gore End Road, aboard the Happy Entrance. 65. Sir. Hen. Palmer to the same. On Monday last the prizes in his charge arrived in the Downs, and all save one went for London on Wednesday. Suggests the necessity in these stirring times of an addition to the one ship stationed in the Downs. The Dunkirk fleet had done great spoil upon the fishermen in the North.

Oct. 30. Plymouth. 66. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. The two Hamburghers still stayed at Falmouth. Two of the Spanish Brazil fleet had been brought into the same port by the Dutch. The storm overtook the fleet in lat. 45°, but he cannot imagine that it did them any great hurt.

Oct. 30. Newark. 67. Diana Countess Dowager of Oxford to the Council. The Lords have required of her, the payment of the first entire subsidy; (6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*) The late Lord set over his whole estate for the payment of debts, so that she has neither lands nor goods, and only depends on the goodness of her parents.

Oct. 31. Ipswich. 68. Duke of Buckingham to Attorney General Heath. Capt. Pennington being employed in his Majesty's service at sea, the Duke at his entreaty recommends the expedition of the business of the rents in arrear for the assart lands, whereof the Captain has a lease for years.

Oct. 34. 69. Sir Robt. Karr to Sec. Conway. If any one in Sir Robert's absence should move the King about the business of setting up the royal arms in churches, he begs Sec. Conway to remind the King of his interest therein. Report that the Dunkirkers have landed at Londonderry.

Oct. 31. 70. Sec. Coke to the same. A clerk in the Court of Wards having brought to him divers grants of custodies of wards for the King's signature, he had sent the clerk to his Lordship.

Oct. 31. Plymouth. 71. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to the Council. Received their commands for setting forth his ship that day. Thought she had long before been at the place of rendezvous assigned to her. Had sent along the coast to find her, with instructions to the Captain to inform himself of the course held by the enemy, and thereof to give notice. General want of powder throughout the country.

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Oct. 31. Penryn. 72. Richard Rickman to Sir Jas. Bagg, Vice Admiral of the South of Cornwall. A French ship had come into that harbour from the King of France to advertise that Lisbon is taken by the English fleet. Capt. Block saw the letter from the King of France to Mons. Montmorency, read aboard the ship of Mons. de Menti. A free-booter has taken 5 Spanish prizes, but 2 have been rescued. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 31. 73. Another copy of the same letter.

Oct. 31. Audley End. 74. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Sends the names of persons thought fit to lend money in the co. of Cambridge. The Suffolk returns are not all come in. They will amount to nearly 6,000*l.* All this is cheerfully done. In Dorsetshire there is some backwardness. The names of the Dep. Lieuts. are not returned, conceiving that they ought to be excused from contributing.

Oct. 31. East Retford. 75. Commissioners for Musters within the co. of Nottingham to the Council. They had mustered all the forces of the county, and commanded such arms and military provisions as were decayed to be supplied. They disarmed the recusants in 1612. The arms then taken from them and delivered to the sheriff are now old and unfit for use. They crave directions whether the recusants are to replace the same with new and serviceable arms.

Oct. 31. 76. Joes Jedschalc to Sir Robt. Pye. One thousand marks is far beyond his ability to lend. Part of his little estate is beyond seas, and part in other men's hands here, which presently to get in is altogether impossible, by reason of the sickness and removal of the term.

Oct. 31. 77. Paper by Sir Julius Cæsar, entitled "Concerning the private Counsell of the most high and mighty King of Great Britain, France, Scotland, Ireland, &c.," containing brief observations on the component parts of the Privy Council and the officers thereof.

Oct. 78. Paper in the handwriting of Sec. Coke on the component parts of the Privy Council, and the mode of their proceeding in the transaction of business.

Oct. 79. Fair copy of the preceding.

Oct. 80. Another copy of the same.

Oct. 81. Specification of the duties of the Clerk of the Council. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 82. Form of oath of the Clerk of the Council.

[Oct.] 83. Henry Viscount Rochford to the Council. He had sent up [John] Finch to them at Reading. Note of such things proved against him as are most material.

[Oct.] 84. Remembrances of Robt. Earl of Warwick as to the authorities, ordnance, and arrangements necessary for defence of Harwich and the county of Essex.

[Oct.?] 85. List of ships composing the fleet for the protection of the Narrow Seas; Capt. Pennington being Admiral in the Garland.

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[Oct.?] Melchborne. 86. Oliver Earl of Bolingbroke, one of the Lord Lieutenants of co. Huntingdon to the Council. They had informed themselves of persons fit to lend money to his Majesty. The country very defective in resident persons of quality, much of it being possessed by citizens of London, and the greater part in the hands of under farmers. They inclose a schedule of names and sums. [The letter runs in the plural number as if it had been intended to be signed also by Viscount Mandeville, the other Lord Lieutenant.]

[Oct.?] 87. Petition of Rowland Woodward, formerly Secretary to Sir Henry Wotton, at Venice, to the King. Sets forth his sufferings from being assaulted by thieves in Champagne, and a promise of the late King to send the petitioner to Brussels as Mr. Trumbull's successor. That mission being at an end and Mr. Trumbull returned, the petitioner prays for a small pension.

[Oct.?] 88. Petition of Thos. Melville to the King. Having been for 5 years a Lieutenant under Capt. Hamilton in the Low Countries, in the pay of the King of Spain, he had with much difficulty returned to this country in obedience to the King's proclamation. Having quitted his entertainment of 40*s.* a month, and being destitute, he prays for employment in the King's service.

[Oct. ?] 89. Petition of Wm. Ambrose, Adam Morte, and others of co. Lancaster to the Council. Through misinformation they have been certified to be fit persons to lend money to the King; they are not able to lend any money at all.

[Oct.?] 90. Memoranda, in the handwriting of Sec. Conway, of business transacted in Council relating to a commission for Musters.

[Oct.?] 91. Another similar paper, principally containing brief memoranda of letters to be written by Sec. Conway.

[Oct.?] 92. Certificate of the names of recusants in co. Lancaster; with account of the arms taken from them.

[Oct.?] 93. Minute of a request, addressed to Lord ———, that on the resignation of John South, Professor of Greek, at Oxford, Henry Stringer, M.A., and Fellow of New College, might be appointed his successor.

[Oct.?] 94. Chart of the coast of Essex near Harwich and Landguard, with its bearings in relation to Dunkirk and the adjacent harbours.

[Oct.?] 95. Note in the handwriting of Sec. Coke on the allowances to be made to Lord Valentia as Master of the Ordnance to the Cadiz expedition.

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Nov. 1. Dover Castle. 1. Sir John Hippisley to the Council. The wine now challenged by the States Ambassador was bound for Ostend, and was stayed under an order from the Duke to stay all goods that belonged to the Archduchess. For stay of the Merchant Royal he had a like order; the money on board has been sent to the Mint; the goods shall be kept safe.

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. 2. Privy Seal directed to Francis Windebank, of Hurst and Okingham, Esquire, for the loan of 15*l*. [*Printed.*]

Nov. 2. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 3. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Sec. Conway. They send information concerning the Dunkirk fleet received from masters of ships of Lynn and Lee. *Inclose,*

3. I. *Informations of John Raven, John Albert, and John Heptinstall. Raven and Albert were boarded and plundered by the Dunkirkers. Heptinstall was chased by them, but got into Scarborough.*

[Nov. 2.] 4. Minute of the contents of the informations above mentioned.

Nov. 2. Tottenham. 5. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Sends a packet of intercepted letters written by a priest or Jesuit who had a strong party amongst the women. All diligence was being used in discharging the prizes. Two of them are to join two of the King's ships in fetching the Duke back from Holland.

Nov. 2. In Fulham parish. 6. Francis Van Ackere to Sir Robt. Pye. Is not any way able to advance the great sum of money solicited on a Privy Seal, being clean driven out of his trade and having had great losses.

Nov. 2. Richmond. 7. Sir Robt. Pye to the Council. Had received Privy Seals directed to certain merchant strangers. Inclosed a schedule containing their names, with a return of which of them sent or wrote excuses, and which could not be found. Daniel Godfroi was dead. No one gives any hopeful answer. *Incloses,*

7. I. *The schedule before mentioned.*

Nov. 2. Battersea. 8. Oliver Viscount Grandison to his nephew Sir Thos. Roe, Ambassador at Constantinople. An old infirmity has prevented his frequenting places of business. He has not been from his house these 4 months, nor been at Court, nor seen the King, nor the Duke. Wrote to the Duke on receipt of Roe's last letter, but by reason of some storms risen in the Parliament, and the Duke's subsequent journey to Plymouth, could not get an answer; resolution for Roe's longer stay at Constantinople is pleasing to the merchants here. Hears from the Court that Roe's negotiation is much applauded.

Nov. 2. Aboard the Anne Royal. 9. Sir Thos. Love to Nicholas. In the storm of the 12th Oct. they lost the Long Robert, with 175 men, 1 ketch, and all their long boats. Account of the capture of fort Puntal, and of the defences whereby the enemy prevented the ships from attacking Cadiz. They have put out to sea to look for the West India fleet. The army

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not fitted to stay out a winter journey. Ships leaky. Capture of three ships which came out of St. Lucar; they say they belong to Hamburgh and France. The ketches so old and leaky they must be sunk. Present order should be taken to dispose of such soldiers as come home.

Nov. 2. Aboard the Anne Royal. 10. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Gives various other particulars respecting the expedition against Cadiz. It was resolved to send away some 12 or 14 of the coal ships with some 2,000 men, and the horse-ships. The greatest part of the sea and land men had neither will nor ability.

Nov. 2. 11. Ambrose Randolph to his father-in-law Thos. Wilson. He can get no money from his cousin Warder. Importunately requests assistance.

[Nov. 2.] 12. Thos. Wilson to Ambrose Randolph (in answer to the above). He had laboured as for his life to get money, but had failed. The best answer from the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor was, that when there was money he was one of the first that should have his part; but the King must be served first. The money for his land in Ireland is deferred.

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Dame Elizabeth Morton, widow of Sir Albertus Morton, 2,400*l.* for a diamond ring and a jewel bought of her by the King, and given to the Ambassadors from the King of Sweden and the Elector of Brandenburg. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 80.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to George Sheires, Apothecary to the Household, such money as should be certified by the ordinary physicians to be due to him for physical provisions for the King's poor servants, not exceeding 60*l.* per ann. [*Ibid., No.* 81.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Warrant to allow the charges of removing the receipt of Exchequer from Richmond to Reading. [*Ibid., No.* 82.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Warrant for continuing to Eleanor Felton, widow of Thos. Felton, for her life, a pension of 100*l.* per annum, granted by his late Majesty in respect of her husband's service. [*Ibid., No.* 83.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Grant of protection to Edward Roy, of Weymouth, for six months after the expiration of a protection granted in June last. [*Ibid., No.* 84.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir John Coke of the office of one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State during pleasure, with the fee of 100*l.* per annum during his life. [*Ibid., No.* 85.]

Nov. 2. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir John Coke, Secretary of State, 700*l.* per annum during pleasure, for secret services. [*Ibid., No.* 86.]

Nov. 3. Hampton Court. 13. Privy Seal directed to Sir Walter Covert for the loan to the King of 20*l.*, to be repaid within 18 months. [*Printed.*]

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[Nov. 3.] 14. Petition of Sir Walter Covert to the Council. Is sorry that those who gave his name for the loan did not look into his estate, which is nothing, but at the pleasure of his father and uncle. If his person or life may do his Majesty service, he shall ever be ready to render them.

Nov. 3. From the sea in 36 degrees. 15. Sir George Blundell to Buckingham. Loss of the King's horses in the great storm. The Earl of Essex was not well seconded by his own squadron in the attack on Puntal Castle. Sir John Chidley followed him close. The Captain of that castle was forced to give it up by his men; without it they could never have retired to their ships. They have been for six days looking for the fleet; but he assures himself that they have warning. Great wrong done to the King and his service by pretending the ships were fit to go to sea; they were leaky and rotten, and every man cries out for victuals. Some drink beverage of cider that stinks worse than carrion, and have no other drink. They have been much wronged and abased. No provision for the horses. The miseries in sea service are not to be reckoned when a man's provisions pass through such hands. Beseeches that he may have the keeping of a park, to end his days in quiet. Lord Cromwell is doubly grieved that the Duke took so ill some words he spake to him. Lord Cromwell has no friend to trust to but his Grace, under whom he expected to have risen in the world.

Nov. 3. Plymouth. 16 Sir Jas. Bagg to [Nicholas]. Rosekimer and White, Captains of the ships which stayed behind, went off to sea seven days after the fleet. Thanks and professions of affection.

Nov. 3. Hampton Court. 17. Articles set down by the Council for such merchants as shall have leave from the Lord Admiral to repair to the seas against the subjects of the King of Spain. [This paper has been subsequently altered by Nicholas, to suit the case of letters of marque against the subjects of the French king, as well as against those of the King of Spain.]

[Nov. 3.] 18. Dep. Lieuts. of Northamptonshire to the Council. Having received directions to search recusants' houses for arms, on the last day of October they repaired to the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Vaux, of Boughton, where they found Lord Vaux and his brother William Vaux. They imparted their business, and searched the house. In the course of which William Vaux declared that they could not be worse dealt withal, unless they should cut their throats, and Lord Vaux assaulted Mr. Knightley and a servant of his. All which is submitted to the Council.

Nov. 3. Hampton Court. Commission to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, the Judges, and the Attorney and Solicitor General, to see the laws against Popish recusants put in execution according to the petition of the Parliament; with a declaration of the King's pleasure that all fines and forfeitures of recusants' goods be set apart for certain specified public services. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 87.]

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Nov. 3. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir Edward Cecil of the dignities of Baron Cecil of Putney, and Viscount Wimbledon of Wimbledon, and to the heirs male of his body. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 88.]

Nov. 4. Adisham. 19. Dr. Walter Balcanquall, Dean of Rochester, to Sec. Conway. He has been very much laboured against the admission of Mr. Lorkin, but on Lord Conway's recommendation will be absolutely for him. Prays to be remembered for the deanery of Westminster if there be a probability of a vacancy.

Nov. 4. Lichfield. 20. Dep. Lieuts. of Staffordshire to the Council. The directions for disarming recusants came so slowly, that they were divulged before they were received; the writers, therefore, presumed that if the recusants had any arms (as, they believed, some of them were well stored withal), they would surely have removed them, and the search would have produced nothing but scorn. When they shall have an effectual opportunity, they will not fail to express their diligence.

Nov. 4. Harwich. 21. Duke of Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Has received information of Sir Thos. Harris, wherein he desires to be satisfied, and therefore prays Lord Conway to use some means to defer Sir Thos.'s appointment as Chief Justice of Wales until the Duke's return.

Nov. 4. Hampton Court. 22. Sir Benj. Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. The Lord Chamberlain had received advertisment of the English fleet being all safe about the North Cape. News of what they had done was expected every day. The design was thought to be on St. Lucar, which. if taken, was to be held. Effects of the storm on the English and Dutch fleets; and the sailing of the Dunkirk fleet northward. Business restrained in one hand; that of Lord Conway. Lord Clanrickard appointed to go to Connaught to keep that country in order. Appointment of Mr. Shilton, one of the Duke's Counsel, as Solicitor General. The King has ordered the monthly and other payments of recusants to be received and reserved for the defence of the kingdom.

Nov. 4. Bishop's Waltham. 23. Bishop Andrewes of Winchester to Sec. Conway. Nothing has been done in the matter of the Confessorship [of the Household] but with the King's knowledge. Mr. Beckett, the present Confessor, who was appointed by Bishop Mountague, has been labouring under palsy for some years past. The King signified that he would have Mr. Beckett continue in his place for life, whereupon he was orderly sworn by Bishop Andrewes. This it was likely his Majesty did not call to remembrance. His memory being informed, his pleasure shall be fulfilled.

Nov. 4. Lichfield. 24. Dep. Lieuts. of Staffordshire to the Council. They gave notice to the gentlemen who are to show horse and arms, and appointed the 10th October for a meeting; but Sir Thos. Whorwood, Richard Levison, Sir Roland Egerton, and Richard Mosely, made default.

Nov. 4. Aboard the Great Neptune. 25. Capt. Edward Gyles to Sec. Conway. Had arrived in the Downs with 3 prizes. Solicits Conway to give directions for bringing them to London, as Sir Henry Palmer, by order of Buckingham, required Gyles to go away with him to the Brill.

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Nov. 4. Hampton Court. 26. Jo. Woodford to Sir Francis Nethersole, Secretary to the Queen of Bohemia. He will have heard of the tempest, and the consequent failure of the design against the Dunkirkers in their own harbour. They are since out, and have committed great spoils among the fishermen. It is presumed their main design is against Ireland. Order is sent to Scotland to furnish relief; and it is in consultation to send the Earl of Clanrickard to Ireland with supplies. The fleet which is to transport the Duke of Buckingham is to pursue them wherever they shall be found. Change in the custody of the Great Seal. Privy Seals are flying abroad into all counties. London itself is not spared. No news yet from the fleet. Lord Conway is sick. The Lords are going to the term at Reading. Deaths in London last week 357, of the plague 89.

Nov. 4. Hampton Court. Warrant to license the importation, free of impost, of 150 tons of French wines, over and above 1,050 tons allowed for the yearly expense and provision of Privy Councillors, Ambassadors, and Officers of State; and in consideration thereof to abate 315*l.* out of the yearly rent paid by the farmers of the customs of the said wines. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 89.]

Nov. 5. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Dudley Carleton. Care shall be taken of the money for which he stands engaged. The Duke of Buckingham being there supplies all advertisements. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 5. Hampton Court. Warrant to Sir Allen Apsley, Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir Robert Pye, and the rest of the Commissioners for the prizes brought from Plymouth, to pay to Philip Burlamachi the sum of 20,000*l.*, in part of 70,000*l.* to be employed in the King's service in the Low Countries. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 90.]

Nov. 6. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to the Lord Keeper. On behalf of Lawrence Lownes to have the collection of monies upon fineable writs. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 6. London. 27. Matthew de Quester [to Sec. Conway]. Had received intelligence from Marseilles, that the Genoese throughout France are imprisoned, and that great wars with all Italy were likely to ensue.

Nov. 7. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Henry Marten. Acquaints him with the instances made by the Ambassadors of France and the Low Countries for the ships stayed here, and prays him to send such reasons as may be given to the Ambassadors for a present answer. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 7. Hampton Court. The same to Sec. Coke. To the same purpose touching the Ambassadors' complaints. The estimate for the second fleet, and the warrants for Ireland are expected. The directions for furnishing the King's stores, and making ordnance are approved. The propositions he mentions will be taken into consideration when he shall offer them. His Majesty will take notice of the backwardness of the East India Merchants, and will allow the changing of the Spanish monies. Doubt of the Dunkirkers attempting upon Ireland. Sends back the intercepted letters, and a letter from Sir Robert Lee for saving Sir Robert Jenkinson from being Sheriff. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Nov. 7. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Robert Lee. Giving him an account of the endeavours used for Sir Robert Jenkinson. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 7. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, 944*l.* per annum, for annuities granted by the King, when Prince of Wales, to his musicians. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 91.]

Nov. 7. Adisham. 28. Dr. Walter Balcanquall to Sec. Conway. Entreats his mediation with the Duke for the Deanery of Westminster if the Bishop of Lincoln be removed. Lord Carlisle will join in any course which may advance Balcanquall's suit.

Nov. 8. Hampton Court. 29. Sec. Conway to the Council. Thought it his duty to open an inclosed packet directed to their Lordships, lest it might require present directions for preparation or prevention. That is not the case, but it relates to an exorbitant insolency committed upon a gentleman of right noble family whilst in the service of the King, to which he draws attention. [The circumstance alluded to is perhaps that mentioned in the letter of the Dep. Lieuts. of Northamptonshire, 1625, Nov. 3.]

Nov. 8. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 8. Aboard the Anne Royal. 30. Edward Viscount Wimbledon, but still writing as Sir Edward Cecil, to [Buckingham]. Despatch containing full report of the proceedings of the expeditionary fleet. Losses in the great storm; danger of the Anne Royal; great care of Sir Thos. Love; dispersal of the fleet. Council of war determined that St. Lucar was too difficult of access to be attacked. Great strength of Cadiz. Attack of the fort of Puntal. Cowardice of the colliers whom it was necessary to force upon the service with threatening and cudgelling. Loss of Capt. Raymond, Sir John Bruce, and Capt. Bromicham. Surrender of the castle. Readiness and sufficiency of the Dutch. Disorder occasioned by the capture of 600 tons of wine. Inhumanities practised by the Spaniards on the stragglers. Uselessness of the pressed landsmen. Little loss in getting the men aboard. Determined by Council to send back ships with the sick and four prizes. Purpose to continue on the coast as long as they can. The ships leaky and foul, and the men unhealthy.

Nov. 8. 31. Relation by Edw. Holland, High Sheriff of Lancashire, of such things as had happened from Sir Thos. Gerard's committal to custody up to the time of his delivery to the Lieut. of the Tower.

Nov. 8. Bray. 32. Sir Henry Marten to Sec. Conway. The Ambassadors of France and Holland are earnest to stay the disposal of the prizes. It is intended to land, inventory, and appraise the goods, and hold a court at Maidenhead to adjudicate upon claims. Mr. Wyan, Proctor for the King and the Duke, has good hope to establish their interest.

Nov. 9. 33. Muster roll of the garrison of the castle of Sandgate for the year ending Michaelmas 1625.

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Nov. 9. Plymouth. 34. John Cawse and Nathaniel Apslyn to Sec. Coke. They had taken a view of the River Tamar, commonly called the river of Saltash; and send a draught of the same, with an estimate for a dock.

Nov. 9. Chatham Dock. 35. Joshua Downing to [Nicholas]. Symon Nichols being disabled from taking charge of the Nonsuch by sickness, Capt. Edw. Christian had been appointed Captain by the Duke. She has only 85 men aboard and some beer, but no other victuals. The ship stays for a crew and provisions.

Nov. 9. Aboard the Rainbow. 36. Sir Edward Conway to Sec. Coke. He hoped the Plate fleet, for which they were now lying by, would make their voyage prosperous; for the land, or looking into the Spanish ports, they had given it over.

Nov. 9. Hampton Court. 37. Privy Seal directed to Thos. Marshe, of East Langdon, for the loan of 10*l.*; with a receipt for that amount from Sir Dudley Digges, dated Dec. 20.

Nov. 9. On shipboard. 38. Sir Francis Willoughby to Sec. Conway. Hopes the conclusion of the business will be happier than the beginning. Relates the circumstances of the storm, the capture of Puntal, and the retreat, as detailed in previous letters. If the business succeeded not better than it had done, in lieu as they hoped of all returning rich, they should be beggars.

Nov. 9. Aboard the Anne Royal. 39. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to the same. Recounts the circumstances of the Cadiz expedition. The great storm; reunion of the fleet; arrival off Cadiz; attack of the fort and its surrender. Sir Samuel Argoll reconnoitred the town, but found it strongly fortified, and the Spanish fleet inaccessible. Withdrawal of the troops and fleet, with intention to waylay the Plate fleet on its return home. Sends home 4 prizes. The landsmen so ill exercised that they killed more of their own men than of the enemy. The sickness so great that there are not seamen enough to keep the watches. The ships leaky. Want of a competent number of pinnaces, which in Queen Elizabeth's time were always furnished, but now, to save charges, they have ketches which men are afraid to go in. Their beverage of an ill quality, and victual growing short. He anticipated all these difficulties and wants before setting out, but being commanded by the Duke, resolved to undertake anything. Sends his letter by the Rainbow, Sir John Chidley, which returns leaky.

Nov. 10. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Dudley Carleton. To mediate with the States that no checks be laid upon Sir Thomas Meautys for his absence, being stayed here by his Majesty's commandment. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 234.]

Nov. 10. Hampton Court. The same to the same. Addressing Mr. Porter to him. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Nov. 10. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. The great care the Duke has of the state of Ireland from the danger of attempts there by the Dunkirkers. We must have a strength of shipping abroad, else they will multiply loss and contempt upon us. The great hazard the protestant party in France is in. The necessity of supporting Soubise and his men; recommends seriously the furnishing them with one months entertainment more. The King will not give Soubise commissions to go to sea. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 235].

Nov. 10. Hampton Court. The same to Dr. Balcanquall, Dean of Rochester. Concerning his suit for the Deanery of Westminster. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 10. 40 Estimate of the charge of revictualling eight of his Majesty's ships and four merchant ships, containing 1,945 men, for three months, for service in the Narrow Seas, (11,423*l.* 10s.)

Nov. 10. Reading. 41. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. Sir Thos. Harris is a man of so mean descent, and of so ill report, that it would give much discontentment if he were appointed Chief Justice of Chester. The President of Wales [Earl of Northampton] is coming to Court, and may press for one whom the Duke would not like.

Nov. 10. York. 42. Emanuel Lord Scroope to Buckingham. He wrote to the principal gentlemen throughout his Lieutenancy to certify names for the loan; out of thirty only seven have returned certificates, the rest making excuses. The business is thus laid upon him. In a little while he doubts not to make that shire not inferior to any.

[Nov. 10.] 43. List of three gentlemen in each of 34 of the shires in England. apparently prepared for the pricking of Sheriffs.

Nov. 10. Wigan. 44. List of gentlemen of co. Lancaster, who made default in showing the horses and furniture with which they are chargeable.

Nov. 10. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir Andrew Keith 189*l.* for expenses of the Swedish Ambassador for 24 days, in going from Gravesend to Southampton and back again. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 92.]

Nov. 10. 45. Henry Earl of Kent and Thos. Lord Wentworth, Lord Lieuts. of Bedfordshire, to the Council. They had made search for martial munitions amongst the recusants, but had found only ordinary weapons convenient for the guard of their houses, which they have left in their custody. They have forborne to muster the Trained Bands on account of the infection, which daily increases.

Nov. 10. 46. The same to the same. They send the names and dwelling-places of persons in the co. of Bedford of ability to furnish money on loan, with the sums they can lend.

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Nov. 10. Newelm Lodge. 47. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to the Council. The difference and possession-keeping between Sir Peter Vanlore and Sir Richard Lydall had been a great trouble to that part of the country. Sir Richard is desperate, and the possession will be worth nothing, no man daring to rent the lands which lie waste. Lord Wallingford suggests that Sir Richard should be heard by the Council or some public Court.

Nov. 11. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. Concerning Sir Thomas Harris. The Earl of Northampton will forbear presenting any names to the King for the election of the Chief Justice of Chester till the Duke return. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 235.]

Nov. 11. Hampton Court. The same to Lord Treasurer Ley. To provide 900*l.* for one month's entertainment for Mons. Soubise, representing unto him the consequence of supporting him and his company. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 11. 48. Note of letter from Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke, previously mentioned, [*see* 1625, *Nov.* 10,] on the importance of keeping Mons. Soubise's men together, and also of the following letter in reply.

Nov 11. Tottenham. 49. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. The sum given to Mons. Soubise at Plymouth, for one month's entertainment for his men, was 900*l.*; which it is hoped the Lord Treasurer may supply. On coming to Court he will propound a feasible means to fetch home our ships from the French, and deliver Rochelle. He has also a plan to propose how the fort lately raised at Dunkirk may be destroyed by engines, to be made by Mr. Burrell and put into execution by Capt. Bert; wishes that his Majesty should see these gentlemen. The former will also show him the models of the new ships about to be built. If the account of the Dunkirkers from Newcastle be true, he may be confident they cannot land 2,000 men in Ireland.

Nov. 11. 50. "Note of all the parishes in Sir John Lambe's division, within the Archdeaconry of Leicester, as also of the incumbents, and which of them have paid, and how much, to his Majesty's benevolence, as also such as have not paid;" with a memorandum underwritten, dated "Foxleys," and signed "Willm. Boswell," certifying the total amount actually received.

Nov. 11 Reading. 51. Commission to Sir Thomas Coventry, Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer Ley, Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Judges of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, Sir Robert Heath, Attorney General, and Sir Richard Shilton, Solicitor General, to see the laws against popish recusants duly executed, all sums received for pecuniary forfeitures on that account being applied towards the provision of gunpowder and repair of fortifications.

Nov. 11. From the latitude of 37°. 52. Sir William St. Leger to Buckingham. Gives account of the proceedings of the expeditionary fleet. [This, with another date, is a copy of the letter from Sir William to the Duke before noticed under date of 1625, October 29.]

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Nov. 11. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Endymion Porter, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, 60*l.* for secret service. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 93.]

Nov. 12. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant to the Lord Leppington and his two sons, for the keeping of Killingworth Castle. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 235.]

Nov. 12. Edinburgh. 53. The Council of Scotland to the King. They solicit license to buy and transport from England 20,000 weight of powder for the use of the former kingdom.

Nov. 12. Hampton Court. 54. Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer, and Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household, to Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Rich. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer. By Privy Seal, dated 1625, October 3, the King directed 500*l.* to be imprested to Sir Hen. Vane and Sir Marmaduke Darrell, Cofferers of the Household, for the diet and expenses of the Marquis de Blainville, Ambassador Extraordinary from France, with such further sum as should be needful. The writers certify that 1,230*l.* has been already expended, over and above the said 500*l.*, and request payment accordingly.

Nov. 13. Sarum. 55. Dr. Francis Dye, Chancellor of Sarum, to Sec. Conway. On Mr. Henry Clifford's motion he had lent Lord Conway 500*l.* Solicits that, on the changes consequent on the late Lord Keeper's leaving the deanery of Westminster, the writer may have the deanery either of Sarum or Rochester, or at least of poor Lichfield, which is hardly worth 100*l.* per ann.

Nov. 13. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir William Harrington, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 10,348*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, for providing 300 pieces of iron ordnance. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 94.]

Nov. 13. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to the same, 1,167*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, for match, lead, and other munition to be sent to Ireland. [*Ibid., No.* 95.]

Nov. 14. Dover Castle. 56. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Is glad he is left behind. Wishes to obtain letters of marque. Watson's ship had come in, but 105 packs had been left at Portsmouth worth 20,000*l.* Shall be glad to hear news of the Duke, and what is fit to be done about sending after him the ships that are there.

Nov. 14. Woburn. 57. Francis Lord Russell to the Council. Reports the execution of commands respecting Musters and training in co. Devon. Urges the necessity for a supply of powder. The scarcity arises from no powdermakers being as heretofore suffered to make powder in that county. Suggests that the officers and a few soldiers of the Trained Bands ought to meet for practice once or twice a year at Plymouth.

Nov. 14. Woburn. 58 The same to the same. Sends certificate of the names of persons in co. Devon able to contribute to the loan.

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Nov. 14. Audley End. 59. Thomas Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Had sent to his Dep. Lieuts. the Council's letters for disarming recusants. Forwarded a list of the Suffolk loans. The return from Dorsetshire daily expected.

Nov, 14. 60. Lord President Mandeville's notes of business transacted at a meeting of the Council:—Thos. Johnson, a priest, to be banished; Lord Vaux and Wm. Vaux to be committed.

Nov. 14. Weston Underwood. 61. Robt. Throckmorton to Sec. Conway. On coming to his house in Bucks he finds a report of great resort thither by night, and also of training of horse. The occasion was, that his uncle, Sir Henry Jernegan, travelling with his family out of Norfolk into Gloucestershire, lodged at Weston on his way, and there he and his daughter fell sick. A lady coming daily to see them, was sent home after supper. The coach making a great noise upon the stones gave rise to the report.

Nov. 15. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare warrants for discharge of the Duke ot Buckingham, Sir Henry Mildmay, and all others, for receiving the King's plate and jewels, carrying them beyond seas, and disposing of them according to his Majesty's directions. To certify what is done concerning the revenue to be raised from recusants that was designed for maintenance of a militia. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 235.]

Nov. 15. Attleburgh. 62. Robt. Earl of Sussex to the Council. Expresses great dissatisfaction at the dishonour done to him by the Earl of Warwick having been joined with him in the Lieutenancy of Essex, and entreats the Council to deal with the King, either to turn each part of government into the right channel, or to discharge him of the joint Lieutenancy. Harwich is a tempting harbour for an enemy, and an army can hardly be well governed by two Generals.

Nov. 15. Attleburgh. 63. The same to Sec. Conway. Apprises him of the preceding letter, and prays him to put to his helping hand that the Earl's reputation now a-bleeding may be rectified. He has sent Sir Thomas Fanshaw a deputation as a Dep. Lieut. under his hand and seal, leaving a space, for the Earl of Warwick absolutely refuses him.

Nov. 15. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir Harbottle Grimstone and Rich. Scott, 498*l.* and 160*l.* for fortifications of Harwich and Landguard point. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 96.]

Nov. 16. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Henry Marten. To give justice and expedition in a cause depending before him concerning a ship of Calais stayed at Portsmouth, whereof the French Ambassador solicits the discharge. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 236.]

Nov. 16. Hampton Court. The same to the same. For justice and expedition in several causes concerning ships stayed here, whereof the States Ambassador complains, and demands justice. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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Nov. 16. Foxley. 64. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The King having by letter recommended Mr. Watts for the rectory of Stokehamond in the Bishop's collation, he requests Sec. Conway to represent that before his removal from the Lord Keepership, he had promised the living to Mr. Cary, the King's servant. On that occurrence the Bishop prevailed on Mr. Cary to accept of the next prebend in Lincoln, that out of this living the Bishop might provide for one or two of the many scholars who by his removal were hopeless and destitute. On a future occasion, if the King will recommend unto the Bishop the care of any scholar, he will not fail to provide for him as well as can be expected from a poor Bishop.

Nov. 16. Reading. 65. Lord Keeper Coventry to the same. He sends the names of three gentlemen fit for High Sheriff of co. Oxford, in the place of Sir Geo. Symons, whom it was his Majesty's pleasure to spare on the intercession of the Earl of Montgomery.

Nov. 16. [Dated "16 May" by mistake.] 66. Attorney General Heath to the same. He had presented in the Courts of Westminster, the King's commission for putting the laws in execution against recusants, and had desired that the same might be publicly read. The Judges not only promised their faithfullest service, but rendered thanks to his Majesty for his religious and most gracious favour to his people.

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Ley. To give order for the quarterage due in the Court of Wards. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 236.]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. The same to Attorney General Heath. His Majesty took well the account he gave of his acquainting the Courts of Justice with his Majesty's commissions concerning recusants. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. The same to Lord Keeper Coventry. Returns the Sheriff-bill for Oxford. Sir Richard Blunt is pricked. The reasons for sparing Sir Giles Bray, with a recommendation of him. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. The same to the same. Sending the names of the Lords that are to be disarmed. Particular remembrances for the Marquis of Winchester and the Lord Herbert. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. 67. Sec. Conway to the Council. With reference to Lord Russell's two letters of the 14th inst. which he had opened, he conceived the Council would hold it requisite to hasten the Privy Seals. They might also give order for furnishing the country with gunpowder, whereof there is great and general want.

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 236.]

Nov. 17. Moor Park. 68. Francis Lord Russell to the Council. Sends certificate from Exeter with reference to the advance of money on Privy Seals. It represents the present afflicted state of that town, on account of the sickness, and consequent weekly contributions. The spoil committed by persons who take advantage of the absence of the magistrates and the great loss received from Turkish pirates.

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Nov. 17. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay Sir Thos. Roe, Ambassador with the Grand Signior, 200*l.* for blacks for the late King for himself and family, and sent by him to all the Ambassadors resident at Constantinople. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 97.]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. Grant of a pension of 200*l.* per annum to Peter Killigrew and Mary his wife, and the survivor of them for life. [*Ibid., No.* 98.]

Nov. 17. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Le Maire, a Frenchman, 300*l.*, and to François Richard, another Frenchman, 180*l.*, as the King's gift. [*Ibid., No.* 99.]

Nov. 17. Dover. 69. Lawrence Lovelace to the Council. The cause against Hans Ifferson in the time of Lord Zouch had been decided in Ifferson's favour. If he expects damages he must become plaintiff in a new suit, and exhibit a bill setting forth his grievances.

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Nov. 18. Dover Castle. 1. Sir John Hippisley to the Council. Ifferson's cause had been heard in Lord Zouch's time, and with as much favour as the cause would bear.

Nov. 18. Londesborough. 2. Henry Lord Clifford to Sec. Conway. Represents the importance of fortifying Tynemouth and Holy Island. Longs to hear further touching Privy Seals. Newcastle makes a poor offer of 300*l.*; the co. of Cumberland a like sum; and Westmoreland a bare excuse of poverty. Mr. Thos. Ogle will give information on the present state of the country.

Nov. 18. 3. Copy of the preceding.

Nov. 18. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Mr. Throckmorton. Concerning the notice taken of extraordinary assemblies of recusants at his house; with some advices. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 236.]

Nov. 18. Londesborough. 4. Francis Earl of Cumberland and Henry Lord Clifford to the Council. The reports respecting the disarming of recusants are sent, although scarce worthy their Lordships' view. Sir John Fenwick, the Captain of Tynemouth Castle, states that it is so ruinated that he cannot remain there. The arms in Holy Island are not fit for service. Sir James Auchterlony, the Captain, should be spoken to. *Inclose,*

4. 1. *Dep. Lieuts. of Northumberland to the Earl of Cumberland and Lord Clifford. Began several searches in all parts of the country at one time, but with little success; the start got by their neighbours had spoiled the market. The Highlanders respited for a while to make them more secure. Undated.*

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Nov. 18. Gloucester. 5. Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of Gloucestershire to the Council. They had endeavoured to discover the truth of the charges made against Mr. King, conductor of the troops from Gloucester to Plymouth, and with that view had published the same to the Grand Jury, but they have not received any information against him. *Inclose,*

5. I. *Information of Walter Pinck, assistant to King, who testifies to the content of the men.*

Nov. 18. 6. Note of insurance effected by Jacob Hermyne on the cargo of a ship laden with munition bound from Hamburgh to St. Lucar.

Nov. 19. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Dr. Walter Balcanquall, Dean of Rochester, on behalf of Mr. Gillingham recommended by my Lord Chamberlain. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 236.]

Nov. 19. Hampton Court. The same to Sir John Hippisley. Account of the letters written to him on the complaint of the French Ambassador, and that there was in them no disaffection to him. Desires information if there be any news of the Duke's landing. The States Ambassador complains against him for staying one come from the East Indies, and opening his letters. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 236.]

Nov. 19. Hampton Court. The same to Emanuel Lord Scrope. Concerning the business of Privy Seals. The Lords will call those to account that made no returns, if his Lordship find not cause to excuse them. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Reading. 7. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. Sir John Darrell not being a knight and baronet but the latter only, an alteration must be made in the roll of Sheriffs, in his Majesty's presence. Sends a warrant for the adjournment of the term to Westminster, and another for inserting a clause in the Sheriffs' letters patent to dispense with not observing the precise time for their nominations. The names of the noblemen to be disarmed were considered in Council, and were approved, with some doubt as to young Lord Wharton, he being in ward. Mr. Meautys will state the particulars.

[Nov. 19.] [Reading.] 8. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to the Council. Sends the examinations of Bentley, alias Johnson, now prisoner at Reading. Has directed some knights in Bucks to re-examine Mrs. Throckmorton. *Incloses,*

8. I. *Examinations of Thomas Johnson, a Roman Catholic priest, who stated that he had been residing at Weston Underwood, in the house of Mary Throckmorton, by the name of Edward Bentley; and also of Mary Throckmorton, who denied the same; taken before Sir Thos. Tyrringham and Sir Thos. Denton, on Oct.* 25, 1625.

8. II. *Further examination of Thos. Johnson, before Sir Francis Goodwin, Sir Thos. Denton, and Sir Ed. Tyrrell on Nov.* 8, 1625.

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8. III. *Further examination of the same before Lord Chief Justice Crewe and the Attorney and Solicitor General, on Nov.* 10, 1625.

8. IV. *Further examination of the same before the same, on Nov.* 18, 1625.

Nov. 19. Certificate of Sec. Conway that Capt. John Langworth of co. Sussex, in obedience to the King's proclamation, had quitted the service of Spain. [*Minute, Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book, France, Vol.* clxxviii, *p.* 248.]

Nov. 19. Similar certificate for Lieut. Melville. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Similar certificate for Capt. Thos. Howard. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir Robert Hide of certain fines and casual profits belonging to his Majesty in the liberty of the hundred of Chippenham, in co. Wilts. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 102.]

Nov. 19. Hampton Court. Grant to Ralph Goodwin and Sampson Eures, and the survivor, of the office of Examiner in the Court of the Marches of Wales, in reversion expectant on the deaths of Hugh Hanley and Richard Bull, this grant being made on surrender of a like grant formerly made to Meredith Morgan and Robert Vaughan. [*Ibid., No.* 103.]

Nov. 20. Hardwick. 9. William Earl of Devonshire to the Council. Sends a report of Musters taken in co. Derby.

Nov. 20. Dover Castle. 10. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Replies to charges against him by the States Ambassador of opening his letters. Mr. Hugessen heard at Calais that the Duke was at the Hague. The ships are gone for him, and in them Mr. Montagu, Mr. Porter, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Clarke. The Dunkirkers are all come home but one; three are coming out a-freebooting. He had made ready 7 ships to fire the Dunkirkers, and out of his poor place would bring 40,000*l.* to the King's coffers. They might make some complaints, but he would offend none of the King's friends. One of the States' ships cast away near Hythe [Hide]. A box found at Dover thought to belong to some of the Queen's surgeons, and lost when her Majesty landed.

Nov. 20. "True relation of a battery made by one English ship and three Dutch ships against a plantation of the Portugals in Chapel Valley at the island of St. Helena." [*See Dom. Cor., James* I., 1625, *Jan.* 31.]

Nov. 20. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay Sir Robert Hatton and William Bradripp 230*l.*, for timber to repair the pales of Havering Park in co. Essex. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 104.]

Nov. 20. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to John Lorkin, administrator of Thos. Lorkin, late Agent at the Court of France, 240*l.* due to him for that employment, from June 1 to Sept. 29, 1625. [*Ibid., No.* 105.]

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Nov. 21. 11. Estimate of the charge of such diets and other household allowances as are now given to the Queen's Majesty and her train.

Nov. 21. Hampton Court. Warrant to Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver General of the Court of Wards, to pay annually to Sir Theodore de Mayerne, Chief Physician to the King, 100*l.* on the 1st of January, for his New Year's gift. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 106.]

Nov. 22. 12. The Lord Mayor [Allen Cotton] and Aldermen of London to the Council. The great mortality, although it has taken many poor people away, yet has made more poverty by decay of tradesmen. The want and misery are still very great. For their further relief and in satisfaction of 1,000*l.* already disbursed by their Lordships' appointment, it is entreated that the money collected upon briefs may be paid over to the City.

Nov. 22. 13. Petition of Dr. Thomas Ryves, the King's Advocate, to the King. The Bishop [Godwin] of Hereford having conferred the Chancellorship of his Diocese upon one of his sons, a divine inexperienced in the civil law and otherwise provided for, it is prayed that the King would renew his directions to the Archbishop of Canterbury to remove from Diocesan Chancellorships persons not being professors of the civil law, and would recommend his grace to place the petitioner in the Chancellorship of Hereford.

Nov. 22. Bray. 14. Sir Henry Marten to Sec. Conway. Recommending the suit of Dr. Ryves for the Chancellorship of Hereford. The interposition of his Majesty will oblige all professors of the civil law to acknowledge him the protector of that neglected and wronged profession. Importunity of the Frenchmen, who claim restitution of the Hope of Calais; suggested answer.

Nov 22. From the Fort of Pendennis. 15. Capt. John Bonython to the same. On Saturday, Mons. de Menti set sail for Fowey, but returned the same night, and the next day commanded two of his ships to lie close to the St. John. Her Captain expected a present fight, but no words passed. In the morning, Captain Bonython caused the St. John, with another ship of Mons. de Soubise, to draw up to the town quay, where they are in safety. He further reports an interview with Mons. de Menti, from whom he had a French compliment, with complaint that he showed such favour to rebels. No news of the fleet, but the report is still that Lisbon is taken.

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to James Milles, one of the Clerks of the Privy Seal, appointed to attend the Privy Council in the service of the loan, his charges for stationery in that service, and to advance him 100*l.* on account. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 107.]

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Warrant to imprest to Sir Henry Herbert, Master of the Revels, 200*l.* to be employed for provision of such things as shall be needful for that office. [*Ibid., No.* 108.]

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Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Grant to Peter Young, one of the Gentlemen Ushers, of an annuity of 100*l.*, for life. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 109.]

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley for the landing of 9,500 lbs. weight of tobacco, the growth of the Island of Merwar, and of an English plantation, imported by Capt. Warner in the Black Bess of Flushing, paying custom and 3d. per pound for import. [*Ibid., No.* 110.]

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Grant to Walter Alexander, one of the Gentlemen Ushers, of an annuity of 100*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 111.]

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Mons. de Bignon, a Frenchman, 60*l.*, as the King's gift. [*Ibid., No.* 112.]

Nov. 22. Hampton Court. Grant to Peter Newton, one of the Gentlemen Ushers, of an annuity of 100*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 113.]

Nov. 23. Reading. 16. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole.] An information exhibited in the Star Chamber by Mr. Knightley, against Lord Vaux and his brother, for the cause intimated in the letter of the Dep. Lieuts. of Northampton, 1625, Nov. 3. The new Lord Keeper gains every man's good opinion; a solid steady man. The rank weeds of the Parliament are rooted up, so that we may expect a plentiful harvest in the next; Sir Robt. Phillips and six others being made Sheriffs of counties.

Nov. 23. Reading. 17. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. John Mayne, who had been pricked Sheriff of Warwickshire, prays to be spared, on account of his weak estate. The county affords choice of able men, a list of whom, furnished by Lord Chief Justice Hobart, is inclosed with Mr. Mayne's affidavit of his poverty. His Majesty having doubted whether every baronet is not a knight, the Secretary may assure him that there are many baronets not knighted, although by their patents they may be knighted if they require it. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Affidavit of John Mayne, above referred to.*

Nov. 23. Dover Castle. 18. Sir John Hippisley to the same. Hears from Flanders that the fleet has taken Cadiz and the fort, and that the King of Spain has sent for more men, most of those who were there having been put to the sword. The same confirmed from Calais, and that the Plate fleet was to arrive within three days after the town was lost. Asks instructions what to do with priests who come with letters for the Queen.

Nov. 23. 19. Note of goods unshipped from the Merchant Royal, at Dover, Aug. 22, 1625, and from the Blessing, at Portsmouth, in July, and at Dover, November 15, 1625.

Nov. 23. Hampton Court. Grant to Thos. Wilson, D.D., of a prebend in St. Peter's, Westminster, void by the resignation of Henry Cæsar. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 114.]

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Nov. 23. Dover Castle. 20. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. The Dunkirkers have taken a passage boat of Dover, coming from Calais with five or six men in her. The ship cast away near Hythe is a Hamburgher. Van Malle is waiting for a passage, but all our men are grown cowards. A person apprehended who will not take the oath of allegiance; is thought to be a priest. A brabbling business fallen out between Mr. Wade, the late Mayor of Dover, and Mr. Reading, their preacher. It is certain that the Duke is in the Low Countries.

Nov. 24. Lichfield. 21. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Stafford to the Council. On the 17th inst., they went to Sir Richard Fleetwood, who showed them his arms, but excepted against their commission, alleging that he was no recusant. They request information whom they should take for convicted recusants, and who may be justly suspected. Notwithstanding Preston, the priest, and the Barclays, father and son, defended the taking the oath of allegiance, they fear some of those who have taken it will now refuse it. As they are the only Dep. Lieuts. for Staffordshire, and live 20 miles apart, they entreat they may be allowed to act in this matter separately.

Nov. 24. 22. Dr. Thos. Ryves to [Sec. Conway.] Reports what proceedings had been taken with respect to a late arrest of goods supposed to be Spanish, but claimed by Dutchmen.

Nov. 24. Hackwood. 23. Jane Lady St. John to Sec. Conway. Her husband has heard that the arms of his father, the Marquess of Winchester, are to be taken from him, which is a great grief to her, as the suspicion grows from her. Such a disgrace never before happened to a family that has preserved their arms to do service to their country. Beseeches that they may rather sell the arms towards payment of their debts, which have been increased by attending the King and Queen at Dover.

Nov. 24. Chester. 24. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. On the 19th and 24th Nov. 1624, he had been directed to levy 450, subsequently reduced to 400, soldiers for Ireland; on the 30th April last, he had been directed to supply the place of those that perished; on the 25th May, such supply was limited to 59 men; and on the 5th and 16th May last, he had been ordered to send 500 men to Hull; all which had been duly performed.

Nov. 24. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Sir Henry Mildmay, Keeper of the Jewels, and to John Acton, the King's Goldsmith, 146*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for two gold chains and two medals, presented to the Secretaries of the late Ambassador from Sweden and the present Ambassador from France. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 115.]

Nov. 24. Hampton Court. Grant to Peter Danyell and Peter Danyell, his son, and the survivor, of the office of Comptroller of Records in the Counties of Chester, Flint, and Carnarvon. [*Ibid., No.* 116.]

Nov. 24. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to John Caille, Treasurer to the Queen, 8,300*l.* 10*s.*, being her Majesty's allowance, at the rate of 15,000*l.* per annum, from the 12th of June, the day of her arrival at the castle of Dover, to the 1st of January 1626. [*Ibid., No.* 117.]

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Nov. 24. Hampton Court. Discharge to the Yeomen of the Chamber, the Yeomen Waiters in the Tower, and the Messengers and Grooms of the Chamber, from all payments on account of the two subsidies granted by the late Parliament. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 118.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir James Bagg, Vice Admiral of Cornwall. To take order that none of the mariners belonging to the refuged ships from France be enticed away, and if any run away that they be apprehended and brought back again. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 237.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Grant to James Carmichell, one of his Majesty's Sewers, of a pension of 150*l.* per annum, for life. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 119.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Grant of protection from arrest to Lady Anne Molyneux and her sureties for one year. [*Ibid., No.* 120.]

Nov. 25. 25. Minute of a letter from the Council to the Lord Treasurer. He is to give instructions to the officers of the several ports, not to suffer any ship to put to sea, before bond be entered into by the merchant or owner not to sell the same to any foreign state.

Nov. 25. 26. Estimate for revictualling 10 King's ships and 10 merchant ships, with 2,415 men, for service in the Narrow Seas and on the Irish coast; and also for fitting out two of the prize ships to carry over deer, (14,040*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*)

Nov. 25. Reading. 27. The Council to the Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of co. Norfolk, requiring them to take order for the relief of Michael Gabe, a poor soldier pressed in that county, and disabled in the Low Countries under Count Mansfeldt. *Inclose,*

27. 1. *Petition of Michael Gabe to Lord Cecil, praying for a pension.*

Nov. 25. Chelsea. 28. Dr. John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's, to [Sir Thos. Roe, Ambassador at Constantinople]. Sir Thos. had mentioned the dying of 2,000 a day at Constantinople. "Your number was so far attempted by us, that in the city of London, and in a mile compass, I believe there died 1,000 a day. The citizens fled away as out of a house on fire, and stuffed their pockets with their best ware, and threw themselves into the highways, and were not received so much as into barns, and perished so, some of them, with more money about them than would have bought the village where they died. A Justice of Peace told me of one that died so with 1,400*l.* about him." Donne scattered his family and removed to Chelsea, after which the infection multiplied so fast, "that it was no good manners to go to any other place." Before the Seal was removed from the Bishop of Lincoln, for ten days together there was speech that Roe was Secretary. There are abundant examples of particular persons advanced by Buckingham; but some having proved unthankful, Donne cannot find any example of the Duke's leaving such persons, in his just displeasure, worse than he found them. He has satisfied

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himself by withdrawing the additions which he had pinned upon them. The infection has made Chelsea so infamous, that Donne goes not to Court. During the summer, he had reviewed and written out 80 of his sermons, which he hopes will be of use to his son.

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Confirmation of grant made by the King when Prince of Wales to John Sandiland, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, of an annuity of 100*l.*, for life. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 121.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Grant to Richard Greene, one of his Majesty's Sewers, of an annuity of 150*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 122.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Grant of protection to William Beard, shipmaster, who had sustained losses at sea, and particularly from the Spanish galleys at Gibraltar, for six months. [*Ibid., No.* 123.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Confirmation of grant made by the King when Prince of Wales to Sir William Irwin, one of the Gentlemen Ushers, of an annuity of 200*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No,* 124.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Confirmation of similar grant to Sir Edmund Verney, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, of an annuity of 200*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 125.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Confirmation of similar grant to James Pringle, one of the King's Equerries, of an annuity of 100*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 126.]

Nov. 25. Hampton Court. Confirmation of similar grant to Robert Tyrwhit, one of the King's Equerries, of an annuity of 100*l.* for life. [*Ibid., No.* 127.]

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to the Commissioners of the Mint. To make patterns of some new stamps for coin made by Mr. Vanderdort. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 237.]

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. The same to Sir Maurice Abbot, Governor of the East India Company. To admit Mr. John Pelham a Factor for the Company in the Indies. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. The same to Sir John Hippisley. The States Ambassador presses his complaint, and affirms that their letters were opened and read at Dover. Sir John is desired to give a true account, and if he have any such letters, to send them. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 26. Tottenham. 29. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. By direction of Sir John Hippesley, the letters brought from Antwerp by the post had been delivered into his hands. Some directed to the Spanish Agent and to Van Malle he kept in his hands. Asks whether he should open them. The rest being to merchants he had not kept.

Nov. 26. 30. Minute of considerations affecting the question, whether intercepted letters from merchants of Antwerp, some directed to the Agent here and some to merchants, should be opened. [*In the handwriting of Lord Conway's Secretary.*]

Nov. 26. Chatham Dock. 31. Joshua Downing to [Nicholas.] Symon Nicholls, boatswain of the Prince, died this morning. Persons recommended to fill consequent vacancies.

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Nov. 26. Chatham Dock. 32. Joshua Downing to the Commissioners of the Navy. With similar recommendations.

Nov. 26. 33. Information of Martin Danby. Christopher Hogg stated to him that "our great Duke" and the Earl of Rutland were in the Tower for giving poison to the King.

Nov. 26. Tottenham. 34. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. The owners of the ships lately cast away in Calais Road desire letters to enable them to recover their goods. The French are bad restorers, but the demand may be reasonable. Rumours at Calais of the good and bad success of our fleet. *Incloses,*

34. I. *Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. Sir John Hippisley having certified the great loss sustained by the owners of four ships wrecked before Calais in the late great storm, Sec. Coke is requested to procure letters from the Council to M. La Force in Calais, that the owners might have their goods saved from the wreck.*

Nov. 26. Plymouth. 35. Sir John Eliot to the same. Fear of the Western parts in consequence of the presence there of the fleets of the King of France and Mons. Soubise. If they should quarrel in Fowey harbour, the town will stand exposed to much danger. The people crave some remonstrance to be made upon the subject to the King, which, for the necessity and their desire, Sir John recommends to the Secretary's acceptance and despatch.

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. Grant to John Cookeburne, one of the King's Carvers, of a pension of 150*l.* per annum, for life. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 128.]

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. Grant to Patrick Murray, one of the King's Cupbearers, of a pension of 150*l.* per annum, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 129.]

Nov. 26. Hampton Court. Grant to William Le Neve, alias Mowbray, during good behaviour, of the office of York Herald, with a fee of 40 marks per annum, void by the death of Ralph Brooke, alias Brookesmouth. [*Ibid., No.* 130.]

Nov. 27. Hampton Court Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. Concerning the point in question about intercepting letters from Flanders and Brabant now, upon the breaking into a war. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 237.]

[Nov. 27.] 36. Remarks on the question of what shall be done with the intercepted letters.

Nov. 27. The Hague. 37. Sir Allan Zouch to Nicholas. Congratulations on his preferment. Has just heard of the death of Lord Zouch, and that Sir Edward is his heir; wishes him much good. Sends an important letter for his brother Dr. Zouch, to be forwarded to him wherever he may be. Sir Allan is in garrison at Bommell.

Nov. 27. Reading. 38. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. The necessity of the King's service requires him to send a new list of gentlemen eligible for Sheriff of Nottinghamshire. Sir Edw. Osborne, who stands pricked, being out of the realm. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Affidavit of Talbot Bainbridge that Sir Edw. Osborne in July last went beyond the seas to travel, and doth there continue, having his Majesty's license to be absent for three years.*

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Nov. 27. From on board the Esperance. 39. Richard Skipwith to [Nicholas]. Easterly winds had so long enforced their stay that all their victuals were spent; nothing left in the ship. Begs for a speedy supply, otherwise if the wind continue they must discharge their men and run their ships ashore.

Nov. 27. Althorpe. 40. Sir Wm. Spencer to the Council. Had received a letter from Mr. Meautys by their Lordships' commands, and a copy of Lord Vaux's petition. Thanks them for their care of his reputation, and is ready to submit himself to what they should think fit.

[Nov. 27.] 41. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. According to his command he has examined Peter Mase, an Agent for the States, but now a prisoner in Dover Castle, who affirms that Sir John never opened any letter that concerned the States. Sir John protests the same, and desires to know his accuser. Mr. Rimes was still at Dover, and Sir John knew not how to get him over for fear of the Dunkirkers.

Nov. 27. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir John North, one of the Gentlemen Ushers of the Privy Chamber, of an annuity of 100*l.* [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 131.]

Nov. 27. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir Edward Salter, one of the King's Carvers, of a pension of 150*l.* per annum, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 132.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. Resolution taken that the intercepted letters shall be stayed and opened. Those that concern the state, or may serve in the point of the prizes, are to be kept, the rest to be sent to the Agent. Answer is made to him that upon the release of a ship and 5 or 6 English gentlemen taken by the Dunkirkers, he shall have his letters. The States Ambassador pursues his complaints. Consideration would be had of Borrell's goods. Letters from Plymouth doubt of violent attempts upon the refuged French ships, which should be presently provided for. Gerbier's letters returned. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 237.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. The same to James Earl of Carlisle at Theobalds. Sending him a note for changing of a Sheriff, upon letters from the Lord Keeper. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 238.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. The same to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant to the Earl Marshal of a fine of 500 marks imposed in the Court of Wards upon the wardship of the Lord Stafford. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. The same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a warrant to license the buying of 20,000 weight of gunpowder here, for the supply of Scotland. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 28. Wigan. 42. John Bridgman Bishop of Chester and Dep. Lieuts. of Lancaster to the Council. Send examinations respecting various treasonable speeches of Sir Thos. Gerard, Thomas Helme, and Joan Jaques, importing that the king held the throne without right, and also respecting a meeting of recusant gentlemen in Wharmer forest. *Incloses,*

42. 1. *Examinations of Augustine Wildboare, clerk,* [*one of the four preachers whom his Majesty maintains in the County*

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of Lancaster,] *Sir Ralph Assheton, Thomas Serjeant, Richard Ashton, Abraham Lance, and Thomas Standish, respecting words spoken by Sir Thomas Gerard.*

42. II. *Information of William Ascrofte, and examinations of Thomas Helme, John Ryly, and Grace Ryly, respecting words spoken by the said Thos. Helme.*

42. III. *Examinations of Gilbert Doson, John Eaton, and Joan Jaques, respecting words spoken by the said Joan Jaques.*

42. IV. *Examinations of the said Augustine Wildboare and Nicholas Bray, respecting a meeting of the chief recusant gentlemen of Lancashire, in August* 1625, *in Wharmer Forest, where they continued together certain days.*

Nov. 28. Chester. 43. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. Had taken a general Muster of the Trained Bands of Cheshire, as directed. The defaulters entreat, on account of the sickness in London, to be allowed until Lady-day to provide arms according to the modern form. He had also executed the directions to disarm the recusants.

Nov. 28. Pendennis Castle. 44. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Reports further proceedings between himself and Mons. de Menti, who was dissatisfied that he was not allowed to attack the St. John. Mutual insults and complaints. Letter to Mons. de Menti from the Dep. Lieuts. of the county. A labouring man killed by the French. Application to be made by Sir Peter Killigrew to the Queen and the French Ambassador to procure a pardon. Some infectious disease on board the French ships. They throw 3 and 4 a day overboard.

Nov. 28. 45. Charles Earl of Nottingham to the King. He and the Earl of Holderness had taken several Musters of the Trained Bands of Surrey. Prays that a certificate may not be required until Jan. 26, as by reason of the great infection in Southwark many of the Trained Bands were either dead or departed from thence.

Nov. 28. 46. Privy Seal to Edward Browne of Carlton Covite, Gent., for the loan of 10*l.*; with a receipt for the amount given by Sir Henry Glemham, on Jan. 16, 1626.

Nov. 28. 47. Copy of the preceding.

Nov. 28. 48. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Somerset to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. They had taken the Musters as effectually as they could in a time of plague, but hope he will not require an exact certificate. Deficiencies will be made good as soon as they can have access to London. Provision of powder and match supplied, and the beacons repaired and watched. The recusants disarmed. *Inclose,*

48. I. *Note of persons who failed to send their horses furnished to the Musters.*

48. II. *List of recusants disarmed within the county of Somerset.*

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Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to James Gaultier, Frenchman, 100*l.* at Christmas next, and to continue the like payment annually until the King shall have granted him an annuity to that amount for life. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 133.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Grant to Sir Maurice Dromond, one of the Gentlemen Ushers of the Privy Chamber to the Queen, of an annuity of 200*l.*, for life. [*Ibid., No.* 134.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 923*l.* and 668*l.*, advanced to Sir Albertus Morton, when Ambassador Extraordinary to the United Provinces, and designed Ambassador at the Court of France. [*Ibid., No.* 135.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Grant of protection to Lord Ridgway, eldest son of the Earl of Londonderry, for the space of one year. [*Ibid., No.* 136.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant to pay to Robert Erskine, principal tailor to King James, 1,589*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, for furnishing of linings and making of apparel for the late King's wearing for divers years. [*Ibid., No.* 137.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Grant of pardon to Sir Henry Fiennes and Nicholas Roper of all offences enumerated in a decree of the Star Chamber against them, with remission of all punishments, excepting the fines of 2,000*l.* and 100*l.* imposed upon them by the said decree. [*Ibid., No.* 138.]

Nov. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant to suffer David Moorehead to purchase 20,000 weight of gunpowder in England, and to transport the same into Scotland for the defence of that kingdom. [*Ibid., No.* 139.]

Nov. 29. 49. Sir Lewes Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. It is seven weeks since he was restrained to his house at the instance of the Venetian Ambassador for wrongs done him at the funeral [of James I.] The Ambassadors of Venice have always expected more observances than those of France or Spain. Hopes in future there will be a settled order. The King has pronounced him innocent. Prays that his restraint may be removed, and that he may have leave to execute his office as formerly, or at the least to go about his private affairs.

Nov. 29. Theobalds. 50. James Earl of Carlisle to the same. Returns a bill appointing a new Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, signed by the King, who complained that [in the selection of persons for Sheriffs] he was ill served by the Judges, who proceeded with partiality or at adventure.

Nov. 29. 51. Certificate of Jo. Ricœurs that he had been directed by the Queen to request an adjournment of the suit against John Chamberlin till the next term after Christmas, her Majesty not being able to speak to the King respecting the same on account of his absence at Theobalds.

Nov. 29 Hampton Court. Grant to Christopher Earl of Anglesea of the fines of 2,000*l.* and 100*l.* imposed upon Sir Henry Fiennes and Nicholas Roper in the Court of Star Chamber. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 140.]

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Nov. 30. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. An express is now sent away with a duplicate of the dispatch committed to Mr. Rimes, because, having hurt his arm, he cannot go. The proceedings with Sir John upon the Ambassador's complaints have been in his favor, and now he has sent his answer, the best use shall be made of it. The Lords have ordered Mase to be set at liberty upon security. Sends a copy of Mr. Borrell's complaints, and prays a speedy answer. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 238.]

Nov. 30. Donington. 52. Henry Earl of Huntingdon to Sec. Conway. Has caused a general Muster of the forces in Leicestershire. The muskets are all of one bore, according to the Tower gauge; the pikes of one length, with Spanish heads, according to the modern form. Return of ammunition in the magazine at Leicester, and general statement of the military condition of the county. *Incloses,*

52. 1. *Note of those who never appear at the view of the horse, and other defaulters.*

Nov. 30. Marshall's Town, near Carrickfergus. 53. Robert Willoughby to the same. Craves his aid in the recovery of the manor of Castle Cary, sold by the writer's eldest brother Edward to the late Earl of Hertford, although it was entailed on the writer's great uncle Robert Willoughby Lord Brooke, of whom the writer is the next heir. Will be content that half the manor shall go to Lord Conway.

Nov. 30. Donington. 54. Henry Earl of Huntingdon to the Council. The order for disarming Popish recusants had been executed at the houses of all persons convicted and suspected within his Lieutenancy, except at that of Sir Henry Shirley, the High Sheriff. No arms, and very few recusants in Rutlandshire. *Incloses,*

54. 1. *Note of recusants' houses searched for arms in the County of Leicester.*

Nov. 30. 55. Examination of Christopher Hogg concerning words alleged to have been spoken by him against the Duke of Buckingham and the Earl of Rutland. He asserted that he had been informed of the committal of the Duke and Earl, by a man clothed in black, seeming to be a minister, whom he met on the road.

[Nov.] 56. Wm. Earl of Salisbury to the Council. Sends names of recusants in co. Hertford, with account of arms taken from them. *Underwritten,*

56. 1. *Names and account of arms alluded to in the preceding letter.*

[Nov.] 57. Certificate of arms taken from recusants in the co. of Nottingham.

[Nov.] 58. Items (without amounts) of bill of John Sanderson, Coachman to his Majesty, for waiting on the Duke and Duchess de Chevreuse, the Swedish Ambassador, and Count de Blainville, from June to November, both inclusive.

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Nov. 59. Advice of a Catholic to his Fellow-Catholics in England. He exhorts them to submit with patience to the afflictions of the times, neither murmuring against God, nor failing in duty and loyalty to the King, whose temper and natural disposition are known to be so gracious. Let rebellion be the inseparable property of the new Gospel, as evidenced in many countries, and especially in France. The Catholics should obey all commands which are lawful, and rely with patience upon God's providence.

[Nov.] 60. The King to Dep. Lieuts. His Majesty having information that the recusants are grown insolent, the Dep. Lieuts. are desired, in conformity with the King's commission for executing the laws against them, to bind over obstinate and wilful recusants to appear at the next Assizes. [*Form of letter.*]

[Nov.] 61. Sheriff and Dep. Lieuts. of co. Nottingham to the Council. They have returned the names of private gentlemen and others in that county, who are the fittest to contribute to the loan. Special reasons assigned for the smallness of the sum which can be raised for their county.

[Nov.] 62. Names of three persons in Oxon and one in Berks formerly certified by Viscount Wallingford to be able to lend money, but whom he now wishes to be spared; with the names of other persons to be put in their places.

[Nov.] 63. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Conway. Since his Majesty has granted Mr. [Peter] Killigrew's suit, the Earl entreats Lord Conway to assist him in its dispatch. His intended mother-in-law delays the marriage until she sees the suit performed. Favours received by the Duke on his passing through Colchester from Lady Lucas and all that family.

[Nov.] 64. Dep. Lieuts. of Northumberland to the Council. They repeat a recommendation that Bedlingtonshire, Islandshire, and Norhamshire, members of co. Durham, should be annexed to their county and jurisdiction. No beacons, provision of arms, or disarming of recusants, in those districts. *Underwritten,*

64. I. *Inventory of arms found in houses of recusants in co. Northumberland.*

[Nov.?] 65. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Sends a packet to be forwarded to his brother Calandrini at the Hague, in which there are letters for Amsterdam. Has received notice from Sec. Coke that his services will be required in other matters. If the ability be taken from him of paying the bills drawn upon him by his friends at Amsterdam, all his and their power of serving his Majesty, will be taken away: *sapienti pauca.*

[Nov.?] 66. Statement of causes which have interfered with the passing of the letters patent for the corporations for the New Draperies; with reasons why the same should be proceeded with.

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[Nov.] 67. Journal of the expedition to Cadiz, from the sailing [1625, Oct. 8,] until the day after the retreat to the ships [1625, Oct. 29]. It is full with reference to the disasters arising from permitting the troops to drink wine. It seems to have been written by a Colonel who was with the expedition; perhaps by Sir Edward Conway. [*Copy in the handwriting of two of Sec. Conway's secretaries or clerks.*]

[Nov. ?] 68. Petition of Richard Quarles to the Council; petitioner was committed to Newgate on suspicion of recusancy, for not departing out of the kingdom by the 30th of September last [*see* 1625, *Aug.* 14], which he could not do on account of the sickness. Prays release; he will willingly take the oath of allegiance and depart.

[Nov. ?] 69. Petition of the distressed soldiers of Pendennis Castle to the Council of War. Petitioners, to the number of 50 men, should receive 8*d.* a day per man, but have not had any pay these two years, and are ready to perish for want of ordinary sustenance. They must of force forsake the garrison unless relieved.

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Dec. 1. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to James Earl of Carlisle. Acquaints him with the jealousies of violence intended to be offered by the French Vice Admiral to the refuged ships of Mons. Soubise. Advice what is to be done for prevention, and to give protection to those ships. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

Dec. 1. Eston Lodge. 1. Dep. Lieuts. of Essex to the Council. Request that order may be taken for repayment of the money disbursed in May 1625 in the levy of 400 men, and their conduct to Plymouth. Part of the amount was procured from the county, and the remainder advanced by the Dep. Lieuts. *Inclose,*

1. 1. *Note of the charges above mentioned, amounting to* 567*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 1. 2. Roger Bradshaw to his son William. Sends the proclamation calling English soldiers home, and begs him to leave the service of the Archduchess, and return to England to serve under his own King. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 2. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. Sends the letters from Plymouth with the relation of the fleet brought by Bullock. An account of the advice given in the point of protection of the French refuged ships, a direction wherein is expected from Court. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

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Dec. 2. 3. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. At the last impressment of soldiers, they were suitors to the Lord Lieut. [the Duke of Buckingham] for abatement in the number required, their shire being rated above the proportion. They were answered that it could not then be altered; but on proof thereof thereafter it should be considered. They now, in the absence of the Lord Lieut., pray the Council to order an abatement before any new press comes out. Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire have set out fewer men than Bucks.

Dec. 2. 4. Ro. Urmeston to Edward Nowell. Relating the circumstances of the murder of a woman, said to be a witch, committed by one Pemberton near Whalley, in Lancashire.

Dec. 2. 5. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Desires that the Dep. Lieuts. may have order to dispose of the sick who return with the fleet without bringing them into Plymouth. There are 1,500 English, Scotch, and Irish prisoners at Sallee. The Dutch set their Spanish prisoners ashore on our coasts. Examinations of N. Godfrey and E. Perry, lately returned from Sallee. [*Abstract.*]

Dec. 2. Dover Castle. 6. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Information brought to Sir John that the greatest preparation was being made at Dunkirk for the invasion of England. There are above 200 ships and boats. They intend to land at St. Margaret's, and march towards Dover Castle; and if they fail there, then Yarmouth is the second place. Entreats him to take the condition of Dover into his care, and also that of Sandgate Castle, which has not a single piece of ordnance mounted. Dover has lost of late above 300 men.

Dec. 2. [Dover Castle.] 7. The same to the Council. Reports information received respecting preparations making in Flanders for the invasion of England, also the stay of a vessel, said to be a Dunkirker bound for Spain, but thought to be bound for Dunkirk. The two Holland men-of-war stationed in the Downs carried over Mr. Rimes to the Duke. State of Sandgate Castle.

Dec. 2. [Dover Castle.] 8. The same to Sec. Coke. Informs him of the preparations making in Flanders for the invasion of England, and other circumstances mentioned in the preceding letters to Lord Conway and the Council. [*Abstract.*]

Dec. 2. Hartley Waspail. 9. Wm. Pitt to Sir William Becher. On his return from Reading, he was saluted by a Privy Seal for the loan of 50*l.*, a sum immoderate for his estate. Has petitioned to be excused, and trusts Sir Wm. will take charge of his petition. By his services on commissions for the late King, he saved him at least 150,000*l.*, and never yet received any allowance, even for his expenses, which were above 2,000 marks.

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Dec. 2. Burghley. 10. Francis Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Begs Lord Conway to excuse him to the King for not having attended his Majesty on the last of November, to give account of the horse in Lincolnshire. It is now very bad, but he hopes will be complete by the spring. He forgot the day, being occupied with his daughter [the Duchess of Buckingham] by reason of her Lord's absence. If his Majesty will not forgive him, he will pray to "sweet Jesus" to make him a father of many children, and then he will pardon his faithful servant.

Dec. 2. Theobalds. 11. James Earl of Carlisle to the same His Majesty exceedingly approved of his advice. He is to write in the King's name to the French Vice-Admiral, requiring him to desist from his threats against the ships of Mons. Soubise, or the King will resent the same as if offered to his natural subjects; he is also to direct the Dep. Lieuts. to draw the Trained Bands down to Fowey.

Dec. 2. 12. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 2. 13. Petition of Commissioners for repair of sea-breaches between Great Yarmouth and Happisburgh, in Norfolk, to the Council; all the strong and costly works of former Commissioners were overthrown by extraordinary tides in February last, and 1,120 rods in length of substantial old banks entirely demolished. The Commissioners having summoned a jury, and taken the advice of Mr. Briggs, Public Reader of Mathematics in Oxford, as to the level, they now complain of the decision of the jury, and solicit the assistance of the Council.

Dec. 3. 14. Sir John Lytcott and Francis Drake to the Council. Certify the circumstances which occurred in their search for arms in the houses of Sir Edmund Lenthall not far from Fair Oak, and in that of John Good of Malden.

Dec. 3. Dover Castle. 15. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Negligence of Post-masters between London and Dover. Alarm of the preparations at Dunkirk still increases. Has sent to the Governor of Calais to give notice of what he hears. With reference to the complaint of an Ambassador against Sir John, he desires to know the Ambassador's informant. The ships were stayed because they were freighted for Dunkirk.

Dec. 3. Newark. 16. Mary Lady Leeke to the same The Lord Deincourt had manifested his utmost malice against her, by imprinting into the King's heart a most false and unjust opinion of her. Lord Deincourt is a disobedient and violent son. His father, Sir Francis Leeke, will not allow him to come into his sight, unless he pays the money which he detains, and which is Sir Francis's maintenance. Protests her own innocency towards them all *Incloses,*

16. I. *The King to the Aldermen of Newark, Sir George Manners and others; to procure Lord Deincourt, his wife and children, access to Sir Francis Leeke, father of Lord Deincourt, who by reason of his great age, kept his house, and was under the control of his then wife.* 1625, *Nov.* 19. [*Copy.*]

16. II. *Report of the violent conduct of Lord Deincourt towards his father.*

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Dec. 3. Newark. 17. Eliza Countess of Exeter to Sec. Conway. The worthiness of his kinswoman, the Lady Leeke, and the infinite misery of her fortune for 20 years past, emboldens the Countess to make a warm appeal to Conway to assist her against the unsufferable wrongs inflicted upon her by her son-in-law, Lord Deincourt. The rent which he withholds from his father is the main substance reserved by the old Knight for the maintenance of himself, his family, wife, and two other sons. This insatiable Lord boasts that he will have all, even the few goods Lord Conway's cousin hath spun up and gotten together.

Dec. 3. 18. Wm. Earl of Exeter to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. Details the circumstances of the unfilial conduct of Lord Deincourt, and moves Lord Pembroke neither to allow the King to be abused, nor himself to accept the protection of so dishonourable a cause.

Dec. 3. Totenenham. 19. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Went that morning to his Majesty, at Theobalds, and acquainted him with the relation of Bullock, and the order taken to prevent an attack upon Mons. Soubise's ships. One of the letters in cipher found in the Spanish Agent's packets, sent to Mr. Philips, who used to decipher letters in Queen Elizabeth's time, to be deciphered; he is in the King's Bench. The King of Denmark has taken 80 barrels of powder out of English ships at Elsinore. That King should be entreated to make stay of all warlike provision for Spain or Flanders. Letters received from Sir John Hippisley respecting the meditated attempt of the Dunkirkers. It seems incredible at this time of the year, but it is wisdom to provide against the worst. State of the fleet ordered for the Downs, and of Dover Castle. Bullock's prize ordered to be brought from Plymouth to London. By one of the post letters, it appears that Lewis Holbroke has been sent for to Calais by a merchant of Antwerp, to communicate on matters of importance, and to receive two pearls of value for sale in this country. His letter shall be sent to him, and his return be watched.

Dec. 4. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Lewes Lewkenor. To come presently to the Lords. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. 20. Order of Council upon certain exceptions taken by Sir Edward Coke, as High Sheriff of co. Buckingham, to the High Sheriff's oath. The exceptions had been referred by the Council to the Judges, and the order was made on their report. A passage relating to the extirpation of Lollardies and heresies was ordered to be ever after left out of the oath. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 5. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Capt. John Bonython. Concerning the securing the refuged ships from violence. Approves the drawing the St. John up to shore, and the letter written by the Dep. Lieuts. to the Vice-Admiral, drawing down the Trained Forces, if there be cause, and requiring the exertions thereof. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

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Dec. 5. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir James Bagg. To advertise presently any news that shall come from the fleet. To certify why Bullock brought no letters. When any ships come thither to stay them till order, and certify what they are, and how furnished. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

Dec. 5. 21. Sir Geo. More, one of the collectors of the loan in co. Surrey, to the Council. Had received 300*l.*, which he had sent to the Exchequer. *Incloses,*

21. 1. *Names of those to whom Privy Seals were improperly directed, and of those who excused themselves on the ground of disability.*

Dec. 5. 22. Journal of the Swiftsure, one of the ships engaged in the expedition against Cadiz, Sir Samuel Argoll being Captain, and having on board Robert Earl of Essex, Vice Admiral of the fleet, and Colonel General of the land forces, from October 1 to the ship's return to Falmouth on December 5. [Various instructions and letters addressed to the Earl of Essex are entered in this journal.]

Dec. 6. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Francis Earl of Rutland. His Majesty accepts his account of the Musters, and recommends the perfecting of that work. Approves well his being at Burghley. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

Dec. 6. 23. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Lord Grey was willing to have paid in the money due from him on delivery of his statute; but as the statute does not appear to be in Lord Conway's hands, Lord Grey prefers now to stay till the day of payment.

Dec. 6. Tottenham. 24. Sec. Coke to the same. Not being able to attend the Council as requested, being engaged in the examination of papers, in bulk more than a strong man can carry on his back, concerning the prize goods, he states his opinion on the question of setting free the making of powder, and breaking the contract with Mr. Evelyn. He was favourable to the maintenance of a restraint on the manufacture; but urged the propriety of increasing the supply of saltpetre by compelling ships homeward bound to bring saltpetre as ballast.

Dec. 6. [Dover Castle. 25. Sir John Hippisley to the same. The Archduchess, on Saturday se'nnight, proclaimed war against England by sound of of drum. Three Scottish ships had been taken, so that if ships were not ordered to lie to and again in the Narrow Seas, there would be no trading. The Admiral and one or two more had come out of Dunkirk. Sir Wm. St. Ravie had been lamed by the kick of a horse.

Dec. 6. Sarum. 26. John Davenant Bishop of Salisbury to the Council. Reports the circumstances of a search for arms in the houses of Lord Arundel of Wardour, and the Earl of Castlehaven. *Incloses,*

26. 1. *Certificate of the arms removed from Wardour Castle and of those observed in the house of the Earl of Castlehaven, but not removed, under circumstances stated in the letter.*

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Dec. 6. Nonsuch. 27. Geo. Lord Carew, Master General of the Ordnance, to the Council. Being prevented by ill health from attending the Council, he writes his opinion on the question of dissolving the contract with Mr. Evelyn, and permitting a free manufacture of gunpowder. He suggests ways of increasing the supply of saltpetre, especially from Ireland, in which country it had been the wisdom of former times to keep the manufacture of powder from the people.

Dec. 6. Nonsuch. 28. The same to Sec. Coke. He had written to the Council on the subject of dissolving the contract with Mr. Evelyn. Hooker, his messenger, will show the letter to Sec. Coke before presenting it to their Lordships.

Dec. 6. [Plymouth.] 29. Sir James Bagg [to Sec. Conway?]. Two ships had arrived from the fleet with many soldiers, most of them sick. It was conceived that the whole fleet intends a speedy return. The Rochellers had come from Fowey to Plymouth. The Dutch ships at Falmouth, in the service of the French, had been recalled, whereupon three of the Rochelle ships had gone to Falmouth to bring away the St. John. [*Minute.*]

Dec. 6. [Plymouth.] 30. The same to the same. The Earl of Essex, with two colliers, arrived on the 5th at Falmouth, and on the 6th at Plymouth, intending to go to the Court the next morning. He says the Swiftsure has not 40 serviceable men, so that she cannot come out of Falmouth without a supply. [*Minute.*]

Dec. 6. Hampton Court. 31. Warrant to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, for payment of John Pence, who brought a packet of letters from Henry de Vic, attending the King's affairs at the Court of France. [*Draft.*]

Dec. 7. Hampton Court. 32. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. The Duke arrived that evening, and the Earl of Essex an hour after. Want of pickaxes to begin any siege works, and of victuals to continue them, had driven the expedition home. They had provoked a powerful enemy without weakening him, and discouraged their own party by this unadvised miscarriage. The fleet was nothing inferior to that of '88. The Spanish Agent had taken a civil leave of his Majesty. On Monday the King would go to Windsor to install the new Knights of the Garter, The Queen stayed behind, and both would remain at Hampton until Christmas.

Dec. 7. Tower of London. 33. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. Send their opinion respecting the dissolving the contract for making powder and abating the weight of iron ordnance. John Browne, the founder, will not be able to complete his contract without an advance of 1,000*l.*

Dec. 7. Tottenham. 34. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Sends the opinion of the Commissioners of the Navy mentioned in the preceding letter. On the second point, respecting iron ordnance, Coke points out the advantage of the substitution in the manufacture of cannon of iron for

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brass. He suggests that order should be given for care of the soldiers of the fleet on their arrival: also, that when the whole fleet has returned, the soldiers should be kept in garrison in Falmouth and Plymouth ready for service on the first opening of the year. The Parliament on consideration of this ready army will be the more willing to contribute.

Dec. 8. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. His excuse made. His advice swayed the resolution for keeping up the contract for powder. The Duke of Buckingham has sent home Sir Henry Palmer, and the other ships, on news that six Dunkirkers are abroad to meet with our Bordeaux merchants, to prosecute the design he knows of. Solicitation for money for the gun founder. Order given for disposing of the soldiers as they come home, and for securing Soubise's ships. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 239.]

Dec. 8. Hampton Court. The same to Captain Bonython. Sends a copy of the French Ambassador's complaint against him, and requires a particularly exact answer thereunto, confirming and clearing the same by examinations, certificates, &c. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 240.]

Dec. 8. Hampton Court. The same to Archbishop Abbot. Concerning the appointing none but civilians to be Chancellors of Dioceses. That his Lordship should displace a divine now appointed by the Bishop of Hereford, and place a civilian in his room, to which Dr. Reeves is specially recommended. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 8. Bishop's Waltham. 35. Bishop Andrewes of Winchester to the Council. Being grievously afflicted in health, he was unable to execute their instructions for taking into his custody the arms of the Marquis of Winchester and his son the Lord St. John. He returns the King's letters addressed to them, and suggests that they should be sent to some other person.

Dec. 8. Hampton Court. 36. The Council to Robert Sheppard, one of the Messengers of the Chamber. Warrant to bring Sir Edmund Lenthall, Sir Anthony Buggs, and Francis Plume before the Council.

Dec. 8. Bangor. 37. Lewis Bayly Bishop of Bangor to the King. About August last a ship sounded the North East coast of Anglesea, and at the same time Hugh Owen Gwenwynog returned for a short period very gallant and full of gold. The Roman Catholics flocked to him, and since then several of them have sold all they had and gone after him. The same party are audacious, and a stranger has lately surveyed the havens. The arms and powder at Beaumaris and Carnarvon are totally unserviceable, and 100 men would overrun the Isle of Anglesea. The Dep. Lieuts. and Justices abuse their authority to favour their friends, and the country stands in the greatest danger. One of the King's ships would be a great protection.

Dec. 8. 38. Charles Earl of Nottingham to the Council. Sends certificate of the names of recusants in co. Surrey, from whom arms have been taken. *Incloses,*

38. 1. *The certificate before mentioned.*

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Dec. 8. Chichester. 39. George Carleton Bishop of Chichester to the Council. Reports his fulfilment of the Council's order that he should wait upon Viscount Montagu and receive his arms. *Incloses,*

39. I. *Inventory of arms received from Viscount Montagu.*

Dec. 8. Cambridge. 40. The Vice Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge to Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey. Thank him for assistance in the determination of a cause relating to an infringement by certain London booksellers [the Stationers' Company] of the privilege of printing granted to the University by Henry VIII. [*Lat.*]

Dec. 8. Office of the Ordnance. 41. Francis Morice to Sec. Coke. John Browne, the King's founder of iron ordnance, having been ordered to cast 300 pieces of ordnance for 30 Newcastle ships, the writer had given him hope of an imprest of 1,000*l.* to be paid out of a Privy Seal for 10,348*l.* 7*s.*, for furnishing those ships; and also that he should have payment of the remainder of his account on delivery of the ordnance. The writer sends Browne to Secretary Coke with solicitations that he would further the service by procuring imprests for Browne, and also for Smith the carpenter.

Dec. 9. Hendon. 42. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to the Council. The examinations concerning Sir Thos. Gerard, Joan Jaques, Thos. Helme, and the conventicle of popish recusants at an alehouse in Wharmer Forest, having been sent to him by the Council with directions to certify his opinion, he comments thereon fully, and concludes that he dare not advise any use of them in a court of justice.

Dec. 9. Plymouth. 43. Sir James Bagg to Sec. Conway. Complains of the slowness of the posts, and the miscarriage of letters. No tidings of Captain Chidley; conceives that he and his consort ships may have put into Ireland. The William, of London, arrived at Dartmouth from the fleet, all well. Suggests that if this army of sea and land forces is to be quartered at and near Plymouth, some both of ships and men should be sent for Dartmouth, Fowey, and Falmouth.

Dec. 9. Plymouth. 44. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Sends examination of a Spaniard who had come into Plymouth, in a ship, which he calls the Edward and John of Colchester: the ship had been stayed, and the Spaniard committed to prison. One hundred sick soldiers had arrived at Plymouth, and many hundreds more were daily expected. Beseeches that some course may be taken for their relief. He had provided houses and firing for those who have already landed, and clothes, without which they would have perished. Sir Jas. Bagg had advanced 20*l.* to provide them with food. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Examination of Paio Dreeges de Paz respecting his past life, a letter which he had written since his arrival in England, and the ownership of the goods in the Edward and John.* 1625, *Dec.* 5.

44. II. *Further examination of the same person, now termed Pius Roger de Paz, relative to the ownership of the goods in his ship.* 1625, *Dec.* 9.

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44. III. *Letter from the same person to Domingo Pereira, being the letter alluded to in inclosure No.* I. 1625, *Dec.* $\frac{4}{14}$. *Spanish.*

44. IV. *Translation of the same letter into English.*

Dec. 9. 45. Collections received by Wm. Pelsant, from certain parishes in co. Leicester, for distressed people in London and Westminster.

[Dec. 9.] 46. Account of money received by Henry Palmer within the Archdeaconry of Leicester, on the brief for distressed people in London and Westminster.

Dec. 9. Certificate of Sec. Conway that Alexander Chambers, in obedience to the King's proclamation, had quitted service in the wars of Poland, and had offered to serve the King. [*Minute, Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book. France. Vol.* clxxviii., *p.* 248.]

Dec. 10. 47. Francis Harvey, Justice of the Common Pleas, to the Council. Sends examinations taken by him before the gentlemen and Justices of Northumberland, touching the articles exhibited [to the Council] by Thos. Ogle against Roger Widdrington.

Dec. 11. Kinsale. 48. Sir Thos. Love to Sec. Conway. Gives account of the expedition to Cadiz. They plyed 20 days, but could hear no news of the West India fleet. The men fell sick, the victuals proved bad, drink scarce, and the ships leaky, especially the King's ships, whereupon it was held the best course to return. On arrival off Scilly, the wind was so contrary that they ran for Kinsale, which they reached with six feet water in the hold. More than twenty other ships had put in to the westward.

Dec. 11. Ventry. 49. Sir Michael Geere to his son William Geere. Gives account of the expedition to Cadiz. with the management of which he was extremely dissatisfied. The Earl of Essex was unsupported; the troops were unnecessarily withdrawn; the West India fleet had peaceably gone home whilst they were looking for it. Great mortality and sickness in the ships; with many wants. Their meat not half the King's allowance, and stinks so as no dog of Paris Garden would eat it.

Dec. 11. Gore End. 50. Sir Henry Palmer to the [Duke of Buckingham.] As directed, he was looking out for fifteen sail of Hamburghers. Had been driven into Gore End. Much distraction in the inhabitants on the coast, arising out of a false alarm from Dunkirk. Divers had left their houses, and the gentlemen begged Sir Henry to entreat the Duke that they might have a competent guard. Sir Henry requests warrant for munition for a small ship now at Dover.

Dec. 11. Gore End. 51. The same to [Nicholas]. Was not so fortunate as to bring over the Duke. Requests Nicholas to forward the warrant for the St. Peter at Dover mentioned in the last letter, and to send a commission for John Tench to be Captain of her. Entreats Nicholas to move the Duke that he (Sir Henry) may have a better ship.

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Dec. 12. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Nicholas Felton Bishop of Ely. To borrow Ely House in Holborn for the use of the French Ambassador. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 240.]

Dec. 12. Hampton Court. The same to Mr. Trumbull. For apprehending Robert Abercromby, and searching his chamber, &c. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 12. Liskeard. 52. Dep. Lieuts. of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Send account of arms taken from recusants; with strong expressions of thankfulness to God for having directed the heart of the King to a timely prevention of the dangerous growth of Roman Catholicism. *Inclose,*

52. I. *Account of arms taken from John Trevilian, the only recusant in whose possession they have found arms, although there are nearly* 200 *in that county.*

Dec. 12. Hampton Court. 53. Warrant from the Duke of Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington, to press so many masters, pilots, surgeons, and mariners, as he should find needful for his present employment.

Dec. 12. Hampton Court. 54. Blank warrant from the same, appointing a person, unnamed, Captain in the fleet under the command of Capt. Pennington.

[Dec. 12.] 55. Blank warrant from the same, requiring the person appointed Captain of a ship in the fleet under the command of Capt. Pennington, to take charge of his ship forthwith.

Dec. 12. Bromley. 56. John Buckeridge Bishop of Rochester to the Council. Reports his proceedings in waiting on John Lord Teynham to receive his arms. *Incloses,*

56. I. *Note of the arms delivered up by Lord Teynham.*

Dec. 12. Londesborough. 57. Henry Lord Clifford to the same. Reports his proceedings in disarming Lord Eure at Malton. *Incloses,*

57. I. *Certificate of arms received from Lord Eure.*

Dec. 13. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. Sends letters that had been opened here. A committee for settling a rule to be observed in matters of prizes. A proclamation and increase of mariners' wages to be considered of. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 240.]

Dec. 13. Ipswich. 58. Bailiffs of Ipswich to Buckingham. Soon after the Duke's departure over seas, there was at Ipswich Francis Baxter, reported to be Gentleman Usher to his Majesty. On information of scandalous speeches spoken by him imputing gross profligacy to his Grace, they had examined him and committed him to prison. On a letter from the Lord Chamberlain commanding his release as one of the King's servants, they had set him at liberty, and now report the circumstances to the Duke. *Inclose,*

58. I. *Examinations of Richard Greenleaf, Roger Prosser, Roger Cornwallis, and Francis Knope, taken Nov.* 24, 1625, *concerning various scandalous speeches uttered by Francis Baxter.*

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Dec. 13. Hampton Court. 59. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. Rectifies the assertion in his last letter, that the fleet was in want of victuals and pickaxes. They had them in their ships, but forgot to take them ashore when they marched towards the bridge. Some doubt as to the rest of the fleet which had been outsailed by the Earl of Essex, and had not yet come to land.

Dec. 13. Whitborne. 60. Francis Godwin Bishop of Hereford to the Council. Reports that as directed he had waited upon Lord Herbert, and requested him to deliver up his arms. He replied that he was verry sorry that his loyalty was called in question, but as to arms, he had none, having never bought any but what he ventured to sea, where he was robbed of them by Turks and pirates.

Dec. 13. Ragland. 61. Henry Lord Herbert of Ragland to the same. States in explanation of the answer given to the Bishop of Hereford, as mentioned in the last letter, that in those parts he had no house of his own, but lived as a servant to his father, subject to be removed at his pleasure, and was not charged with any arms.

Dec. 13. 62. Opinion of the King's shipwrights as to the dimensions proper for a man-of-war to be built for service in the Narrow Seas.

Dec. 13. 63. Specific dimensions of the several parts of a ship for the Narrow Seas set down by various shipbuilders.

Dec. 14. Tottenham. 64. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Being required to attend the committee appointed to speak with the States Ambassador about the prize ships, he explains why his withdrawal from his present labours would be extremely prejudicial. The fleet is coming scatteringly home; the Lords have given directions for relief of the sick and quartering the soldiers; but Sir Jas. Bagg writes plainly, that the gentlemen of those parts will in no wise be drawn to any contributions; and if money be not supplied, the misery and clamour will be no less dangerous than grievous to be borne. He appeals to Lord Conway, for God's sake, to unite with him in procuring money to discharge the unfortunate army and fleet. Until monies are made in London, there is no possibility either to pay the fleet or set forth the ships prepared to attend Capt. Pennington to Plymouth. The Lord Treasurer will shortly sleep unquietly in his bed.

Dec. 14. 65. Petition of the Dean and Chapter of Sarum to the King. Pray for a grant of the tithes of lands formerly portions of the forests of Dorset, Wilts, and Berks, the tithes whereof as forests had been granted to their church by Henry II.; with a reference of the petition to the Lord Keeper.

Dec. 14. 66. Journal of the expedition to Cadiz, written by some one who was in the division of the fleet which arrived at Plymouth this day.

Dec. 14. 67. Copy of the same in the handwriting of Thos. Locke.

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Dec. 15. Buckden. 68. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to ———. Sends a petition of Richard Cleyton, parson of Shawell, who had been prosecuted for nonconformity, with a certificate of his parishioners; and as he is in all points willing to conform, prays that the execution of the sentence against him may be foreborne until there be opportunity of conference. *Incloses,*

68. 1. *Petition of Richard Cleyton to the Bishop of Lincoln, above referred to.*

Dec. 15. Audley End. 69. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Transmits letters from his Dep. Lieuts. of Dorsetshire respecting liberties claimed by Lady Hatton as owner of the Isle of Purbeck. Solicits instructions respecting other castles on the sea coast, the Captains whereof would not account to him, but which were so defectively fortified that the country could look for no security from them.

Dec. 15. 70. Bill of Mortality for London and the out-parishes from Dec. 16, 1624, to Dec. 15, 1625; total of burials 54,265, whereof of the plague 35,417.

Dec. 15. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Mary Countess of Buckingham. Announcing the Duke's return. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 240.]

Dec. 15. Hampton Court. The same to the Duke of Buckingham. Sending the acts perfected concerning the jewels and plate. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 15. Hampton Court. The same to Thos. Dove Bishop of Peterborough. On behalf of Mr. Stephens. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 15. Plymouth. 71. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Had obeyed the directions of their Lordships with respect to the soldiers already arrived, both sick and whole; those directions applied only to 15 ships but the whole army is likely to arrive with the first wind. Solicit further directions, and that the Council would consider the great charge and trouble that small corner of the kingdom had already undergone. Request that some regiments may be sent into other counties, and that the soldiers may be speedily clothed, the greatest part not having wherewith to cover their nakedness, which is the greatest cause of their miseries. Order should also be given for the maintenance of the Captains and officers, whose complaints are equal to those of the soldiers. A commission should also be sent down to put in execution the law martial.

Dec. 16. Windsor. Proclamation that soldiers lately employed in the fleet on their arrival should not depart from their colours. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 31.]

Dec. 16. Windsor. 72. The King to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Earl Marshal, Lord Chamberlain, James Earl of Carlisle, Sec. Coke, and Lord Chief Justice Crewe. Commission prepared for the Great Seal. After reciting the importance of secrecy in affairs of state, and that some royal instruments of especial secrecy had lately been unwarrantably divulged and copied, authority is given to the persons therein named to examine suspected persons and to give such directions as the King's honour and the necessity of his service should require.

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Dec. 16. 73. Memorandum: That Sir Nathaniel Barnardiston, one of the Commissioners for the Loan [in co. Suffolk], refused to lend to his Majesty the sum of 20*l.*, alleging that he was not satisfied therein in his conscience; and that he also refused to take the oath tendered to him according to the Commission.

Dec. 16. Windsor. 74. Sir Dudley Carleton to Buckingham. The writings judged necessary for pawning his Majesty's plate and jewels and the Duke's were not completed until that very instant. They are now sent for his Grace's signature, together with a letter of the Attorney General which explains their nature. On their return by the Duke the King's commission will be ready, and they may be all transmitted into Holland. A King's ship should be appointed to take Mr. Sackville Crow into Zealand, and await his return. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 16. 75. Attorney General Heath to the same. Sends documents relating to the pawning of the jewels prepared by the Solicitor General and himself, in conjunction with Sir Henry Marten and Dr. Reeves, and with the advice of Secs. Coke and Conway. Besides the documents sent, there is one by which the King gives absolute authority to the Duke, and in his absence to Sackville Crow. [*Copy of the letter inclosed in the letter preceding.*]

[Dec. 16.] 76. Minute of motions to be made at the Council Board, on the suggestion of the Lord High Admiral, for proclamations that goods intended for Spain found in ships of any nation should be confiscated; that ships of above 60 tons should be furnished with muskets for half their company; that the wages of mariners in the King's service should be raised to 15*s.* per month, [which was appointed for consideration when the Duke should be present,] and that ships hereafter to be built should be made musket-free fore and aft.

Dec. 16. 77. Estimate of the expense of revictualling the Swiftsure and six merchant ships for 3 months, also of adding 50 men to the Nonsuch, and of setting forth to sea the Aletheia and the Francis Bonaventure (5,520*l.* 5*s.*).

Dec. 16. 78. Account of monies due to the Surveyor of Victuals for the Navy [Sir Allen Apsley], 9,212*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

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Dec. 17. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Sends instructions for Sir Edward Barrett, with a letter from the Captains of three Dutch ships that attend his Grace's directions. News that the Hollanders have taken St. Domingo; advises upon it. Some ships come home from the fleet, and order given for disposing of the men. Hamburghers gone for Spain; with directions given to meet them. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 240.]

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Dec. 17. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Charles Lord Stanhope. To confirm the place of Post-master of Chester upon John Francis on his father's death. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 17. Tottenham. 1. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Nine Hamburghers had passed Dover, and twenty other ships had gone by the North of Ireland, all bound for Spain, with cordage and munition. Had written to Sir James Bagg to intercept those in the Channel, and to send notice of the others into Ireland. The clamours of the Ambassadors as to the prize goods ought not so to govern our councils as to hinder the course of justice. If we proceed to work without means, we shall but expose our actions to the scorn of the world, and draw upon ourselves more danger than is yet taken to heart.

Dec. 17. Kinsale. 2. Sir Thomas Love to the Duke of Buckingham. Gives account of the attempt against Cadiz, similar to that contained in his letter to Sec. Conway of 1625, Dec. 11. The Lord President of Munster had promised to supply them with 80 or 100 men, without which they should not be able to stir out of that place.

Dec. 17. Hartlebury 3. John Thornborough Bishop of Worcester to the Council. Reports his proceedings in waiting upon Lord Windsor and the Earl of Shrewsbury to receive their arms. The arms of the former were delivered by Mr. Blunt, who had charge in Lord Windsor's absence. The Earl protested that he had no manner of arms, not so much as a musket, caliver, or birding piece. Ten brown-bills were all he had provided for defence of his house. *Incloses,*

3. I. *Inventory of arms in Lord Windsor's house at Bradnam.* 1625, *Dec.* 10.

3. II. *Note of arms belonging to Lord Windsor, left at the palace of the Bishop of Worcester.* 1625, *Dec.* 14.

Dec. 18. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Thos. Earl of Kellie, Concerning the commitment of his secretary Abercromby, and his Majesty's assurance of his Lordship's giving way to search for papers, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 240.]

Dec. 18. Hampton Court. 4. Sir Benjn. Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. Nothing more heard of the fleet. The King intends his entry and coronation to be in the beginning of next term, and presently upon that a Parliament. Advertisements from France that the Dutch fleet had taken Hispaniola. Sir Dudley Carleton sworn Councillor, but not yet Vice Chamberlain. Christmas to be spent at Hampton Court in plays; the common players have leave to come to Court, now the plague is reduced to six. The *demoiselles* mean to present a French pastoral wherein the Queen is a principal actress.

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Dec. 18. Chester. 5. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. Authorised his son Lord Strange to repair to the house of Lord Morley to receive his arms, and now sends his report. *Incloses,*

5. I. *James Lord Strange to the Earl of Derby. Reports what arms he had found and removed from Hornby Castle, the house of Lord Morley, with the state of the same, and information that there were lately there thirty muskets, which had been removed before his arrival. Walton,* 1625, *Dec.* 12.

5. II. *Note of armour of Henry Lord Morley and Mounteagle removed from Hornby Castle.* 1625, *Dec.* 9.

Dec. 18. Plymouth. 6. Sir Wm. St. Leger to the Duke of Buckingham. Indisposition kept him from the Council of War, in which it was resolved to return, but both by word and writing he protested against it. He arrived this day with some 17 sail. Begs leave to kiss his Grace's hands, although he shall be ashamed to look upon his Sovereign or the Duke. All the chieftains will fly with open mouth upon the Lord Marshal, neither can nor will he excuse him; yet he knows that they that will blame him most are not blameless.

Dec. 18. Plymouth. 7. Sir James Bagg to Sec. Conway. Transmits a letter [probably from the Commissioners at Plymouth]. The Convertive and 18 other ships had arrived.

Dec. 18. 8. A note of such persons as were found in the house of Mr. Bradshaw, in Drury Lane. Amongst them is Lady Gerard, wife of Sir Thomas Gerard; and it appears from the indorsement that, besides the persons here enumerated, there were two priests.

Dec. 18. Dorset Court. 9. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. Had sent the letters patent touching the King's jewels. The Duke of Buckingham not being expected at Court until the end of the week, he supposes it will not be necessary for him to be there, but he shall come unless he hears that he may defer doing so.

Dec. 18. Certificate of Sec. Conway, that John Morse, of co. Norfolk, in obedience to the King's proclamation, had quitted the service of the Archduchess and offered to serve the King. [*Minute, Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book. France. Vol.* clxxviii, *p.* 248.]

Dec. 18. 10. Buckingham to Sackville Crow. Instructions for pawning at Amsterdam two parcels of jewels and one of gold plate set with stones. The sum to be raised was to be 300,000*l.*, or as near thereto as might possibly be. [*Draft.*]

Dec. 18. 11. The same to Philip Calandrini. Has joined him in commission with Sackville Crow, and prays him to undertake the service, which would be graciously accepted by his Majesty. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 19. Burghley. 12. The same to Sec. Conway. Returns the new deputations and instructions for Sackville Crow. Begs they may be sent to Sec. Coke to be forwarded to the Low Countries.

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Dec. 19. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Archbishop Abbot. Concerning two priests apprehended in London, and avowed by the French Ambassador to be his domestics; in which case they are to be delivered to the French Ambassador, if no charge be against them but only as priests. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 241.]

Dec. 19. Hampton Court. The same to ———. Warrant to commit Robert Abercromby close prisoner to the Gatehouse. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 19. Hampton Court. The same to Buckingham. Account of the commitment of Abercromby, and the apprehension of the two priests challenged by the French Ambassador. A casket taken with them that opened. With other directions. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 19. Hampton Court. The same to Mr. Wolley. Warrant to search for papers, &c. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 19. 13. Francis Earl of Rutland to the Council. Sends a certificate of certain of his Dep. Lieuts. for Lincolnshire, of the names of recusants in that county, with a list of such arms as were found in their possession. *Incloses,*

13. I. *The certificate before-mentioned.*

Dec. 19. 14. Certificate of Sir Francis Heigham and Wm. Poley, Dep. Lieuts. of Suffolk, that Richard Moosley, of Owsden, had been there resident for 15 years, and was charged with a lance, a corslet, and a musket, which were arms proportioned to his estate.

Dec. 19. Dowerwall. 15. Wm. Throckmorton to [—— Hambie?]. Promises money for the vintners' business by the next term. Sends country provision. Desires patterns of black silk "grogoran;" and asks for news. Mentions his sister Dale.

Dec. 19. 16. Inventory of arms and armour from the houses of Lord Petre at Ingatestone and Thornden, delivered at Lees to the Earl of Warwick.

Dec. 19. Kinsale. 17. Sir Thos. Love to Nicholas. Recommends Richard Bramson for Purser of the Anne Royal.

Dec. 19. Plymouth. 18. Sir Wm. St. Leger to [Buckingham]. Reiterates his charges against some of the Council of War in the expedition against Cadiz. Some of them had no desire they should do anything, because they would value their counsel given before. The Marshal had not such abilities as could be wished in a general. Speaks out of anguish to see so brave and chargeable a business so foully miscarried. The army is in wretched poor condition for want of health and clothes, and much decayed in numbers. Hears that the Duke intends a journey into France; should be glad to kiss his hands before his departure.

Dec. 20. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Archbishop Abbot. To give his advice touching the redelivery of the casket taken with the two priests, wherein there is a massing suit; and also to certify the conditions of the men. If they do really belong to the French Ambassador and nothing be against them but as priests, they are to be delivered. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 241.]

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Dec. 20. 19. Bishop Davenant of Salisbury to the Council. Had received from Fonthill the arms belonging to the Earl of Castlehaven, who sent direction to his brother Sir Ferdinando Audeley to deliver them up.

Dec. 20. Croydon. 20. Archbishop Abbot to Sec. Conway. Reports what took place at an interview between himself and certain messengers from the French Ambassador, who claimed as the Ambassador's chaplains, Pettinger alias Wentworth and Dupre alias Forbes, two priests apprehended in London. Sends letters found on another priest, which comment on the treatment of Roman Catholics and the failure of the Cadiz expedition.

Dec. 20. 21. Sir Dudley Carleton to the same. Sends suggested addition to the instructions [of Sir Edward Barrett] going Ambassador to France; also a copy of Mr. Quarles's request to the Council which he recommends to his favour as a case of compassion. *Incloses,*

21. 1. *Copy of Mr. Quarles's petition to the Council for payment of losses sustained by him on monies remitted to the Low Countries for his Majesty's service.*

Dec. 20. Plymouth. 22. Sir James Bagg [to Buckingham]. Sends a letter of Sir Wm. St. Leger, and a list of ships arrived. Will make a full report on the victuals remaining, state of the mariners, and condition of the ships. If victory had accompanied the fleet's return, never had an army been better manned, victualled, or clothed, now, to cover their shame, they will insist they have wanted in all. If his Grace will refuse to hearken to general complaints Mr. Lieut. [of the Tower, Sir Allen Apsley,] and himself will be able to free themselves from blame. The Lion has long been ready for sea, but she shall be kept.

[Dec. 20.] [Plymouth.] 23. The same to the same. A bark had arrived from Ireland and in her Edward Philpott, who reported the arrival of various enumerated ships of the expeditionary fleet in that country. Suggestion that the landsmen should be left in garrison towns in that country, and their numbers supplied by a new press. Lord Denbigh at Bristol. One of the prizes at Ilfracombe.

Dec. 20. Nonsuch. 24. George Lord Carew to Sec. Coke. Sends petition of John Browne, his Majesty's founder of iron ordnance, expressing his inability to proceed with his contracts in consequence of not receiving an imprest of 1,000*l.* *Incloses,*

24. 1. *Petition of John Browne above mentioned.*

Dec. 21. Tottenham. 25. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. The Duke directed the deputations which are to be sent to Mr. Crow to be convoyed by one of the Dutch men-of-war remaining in the Downs. Sir Henry Palmer had stayed one of the nine Hamburghers laden with wheat and wools for Lisbon. Urges the publication of the proclamation for prohibiting trade with Spain.

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Dec. 21. 26. Copy, certified by Sir James Bagg, of returns made by pursers and masters as to the remainders of victuals on board 31 ships returned from the Cadiz expedition, on their arrival at Plymouth.

Dec. 21. 27. Uncertified copy of the above.

Dec. 21. Durham House. 28. Bishop Neile of Durham to the Council. Reporting the results of a search for arms amongst the recusants in his diocese. He offers to provide an armoury for such arms in the castle at Durham.

Dec. 21. West Deane. 29. Attorney General Heath to his kinsman Sir Wm. Becher. Prays him to acquaint the Council that before he left Windsor he delivered to Lord Conway the proclamation that soldiers returning with the fleet were not to depart from their colours. The commission for martial law, and proclamations forbidding traffic with Spain and directing ships of above 60 tons to be furnished with muskets, had been sent to Lord Conway that morning. A letter concerning musters was inclosed. A proclamation that ships carrying victuals to Spain should be lawful prize, was drawn, but he had no warrant for it.

Dec. 21. New Alresford. 30. Deputy Lieuts. of Hants to Sec. Conway. Certify their proceedings in disarming recusants. *Inclosed,*

30. I. *List of recusants in the divisions of Andover, Basingstoke, and King's Cleere, with account of arms taken from them.*

Dec. 21. Imworth. 31. Sir Dudley Carleton to Sackville Crow. Sends documents signed by his Majesty and the Duke for engaging their jewels and plate. His Grace's return not expected until Saturday next; meanwhile all affairs hang in suspense, which because they are great and require despatch, his Grace is the more missed. Crow is expected here like the Spanish fleet. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Plymouth. 32. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. Sends bond of Martin and Prisman not to break bulk of the Edward and John without leave; and recommends him to hearken after the ship and make prize of her for the Duke. Requests for various letters of marque.

Dec. 22. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. What chief commanders have returned with part of the fleet. The relation Captain Bruce makes. What comes from Plymouth in other ways. Directions sent thither to provide for and keep the soldiers together. The Queen's Secretary would not take the oath from the Chamberlain, but demanded and had leave to go for France. The acts concerning the jewels and plate are sent away by an express, with directions for a convoy. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 241.]

Dec. 22. Hampton Court. The same to the Commissioners at Plymouth. To keep the soldiers together under their Captains; to prevent and punish their running away; and to have them exercise and perform duties. To see that the remainder of powder and other provisions be not embezzled. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 242.]

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Dec. 22. 33. Duke of Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy and others. Warrant for the delivery to Peter Priaulx and Paul Mercer of five bags of ginger stayed in the St. George.

Dec. 22. 34. Inventory of armour belonging to Thos. Viscount Colchester, delivered to Sir Harbottle Grimstone by Robert Earl of Warwick.

Dec. 22. 35. Commissioners at Plymouth to [the Council]. About 30 sail had arrived in that port, with about 4,000 soldiers in such miserable condition as for the most part to be incapable of such comfort as the country would afford them. They have billeted them where they were before, which they hoped the country would for a while undertake, although there was much complaint. Desire to receive the commission for martial law, and solicit instructions on various points connected with the payment, clothing, and general management of the troops.

Dec. 22. Plymouth. 36. Commissioners at Plymouth to the same. Desire further instructions for disposing of the ordnance, arms, and munition belonging to the land army, there being no officer of the Ordnance at Plymouth.

Dec. 22. Office of Ordnance. 37. Officers of the Ordnance at the Tower to Sec. Coke. Brown, the iron founder, not finding any present satisfaction, and having spent five weeks in attending in hope to receive money, they had not been able to persuade him to further patience. He had departed into the country with determination to employ himself in such works for the subject as would yield him ready money.

Dec. 22. Plymouth. 38. Sir John Eliot to Sec. Conway. Had been charged by Lord Conway's son to send to his Lordship a copy of the general letter of the Commissioners to the Council. The miseries before them are great. Capt. Bolles, who died since their coming in, declared the occasion of his sickness to be scarcity and corruption of the provisions. Great numbers of the soldiers are continually thrown overboard; yesterday seven fell down in the streets; the rest are weak, and unless there be a present supply of clothes there is little hope to recover them. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Copy of the letter of the Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council, dated this day.*

Dec. 22. 39. Bill of Mortality for Westminster, Lambeth, Newington, Stepney, Hackney, and Islington, from Dec. 30, 1624 to Dec. 22, 1625; total burials 8,736; of the plague 5,896.

Dec. 23. Sudeley. 40. Geo. Earl of Castlehaven to Godfrey Goodman Bishop of Gloucester. He would be ready on the morrow to deliver up all such arms as he had at Sudeley. He will not expostulate, but from his infancy he has been ever conformable to the Church of England, and is ready to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. He desires that this declaration may be made known to the Council, for he fears some malicious suggestions have traduced his loyalty.

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Dec. 23. Tottenham. 41. Sec. Coke [to Sec. Conway]. There being 16 ships come into Plymouth, and the Lord Marshal and four others being at Scilly, whence they would presently make for the coast, he suggests that the Treasurer should have notice from the Council or his Majesty to provide money for the wages of the sailors, and that order should be taken for billeting the soldiers, with a proclamation against all buying and receiving of the King's stores. The merchant and Newcastle men as soon as they have landed their troops should be ordered to the Downs. He hears nothing of the Lord Admiral's return, without whom the businesses in hand will suffer very much.

Dec. 23. Tottenham. 42. The same to the same. The Samuel at Portsmouth is victualled for two months, all saving beer, for supply of which the bearer is to apply to Sir Allen Apsley. Conceives that this ship might reinforce the fleet under Capt. Pennington.

Dec. 23. 43. List of ships arrived at Plymouth, Dartmouth, Falmouth, and St. Ives.

[Dec. 23.] 44. Copy of the preceding, but without date.

Dec. 23. Plymouth. 45. Thos. Valentine to the King. Bond for 100*l.*, conditioned to be void if the said Thos. Valentine shall personally appear before Sec. Conway four days after warning, and not depart without leave.

Dec. 23. 46. Sir Wm. St. Leger to the Duke of Buckingham, General of his Majesty's army. Requests his commands for disposing of companies whose Captains have miscarried. Recommends Capt. Andrew Judd for one of the companies in Sir William's own regiment.

Dec. 23. Pendennis Castle. 47. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. In reply to complaints of the French Ambassador respecting his treatment of Mons. de Menti, he sends certificates of Capt. Quaster, the Lieut. of Capt. Washinghoven, and also of the town. He has written a letter to the King, as well as he can, but he was maimed in his right hand in a sally at Manheim, in respect of which he solicits a pension out of the receipts of Cornwall. *Incloses,*

47. I. *Certificate of Capt. Quaster above mentioned.*

47. II. *Like certificate of Teunis Masman, Lieutenant to Capt. Washinghoven.*

47. III. *Certificate of the Mayor and Justices of Penryn, of all passages between the companies of the King of France and Mons. de Soubise, since their arrival at Falmouth.*

Dec. 23. Pendennis Castle. 48. The same to the King. Utterly denies the allegation of the French Ambassador, that he commanded Mons. de Menti out of the harbour, although when two of the French ships moved up to attack the St. John, which had placed herself under the town, he warned those two ships to return to their former anchorage.

[Dec. 23.] 49. Capt. Bonython's answer to the French Ambassador's complaint; being an abstract of the above letter.

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[Dec. 23.] 50. Petition of Joshua Downing, and seven others, officers of the King's works at Chatham to the Commissioners of the Navy. Increase of employments at Chatham, and likelihood of more from the removal thither of works from Deptford and Woolwich. The accidents which occur are more than John Pawson, the surgeon, can attend and cure. The petitioners pray that John Norton may be recommended to the Duke for a warrant for joining him with John Pawson.

Dec. 23. 51. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Begs him to recommend to the Duke, John Norton, as an able surgeon and good physician, for appointment as above. The fee from the King is only 20 marks per annum, the cures being paid for out of the chest to which every seaman contributes. Also recommends Henry Hubbert for boatswain of the Constant Reformation, if Peter Cannon be removed on his appointment as Serjeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports.

Dec. 23. Certificate of Sec. Conway that Capt. Thos. Markham had returned from foreign service in obedience to the King's proclamation. [*Minute, Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book. France. Vol.* clxxviii., *p.* 249.]

Dec. 24. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Antrim. To call home his two sons. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 242.]

Dec. 24. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Wards. Concerning Sir John Pakington's grandchild. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 24. Hampton Court. Proclamation to forbid subjects of England to have any trade with the dominions of the King of Spain or the Archduchess. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 32.]

Dec. 24. Hampton Court. Proclamation for well manning and arming the ships of this realm on their setting forth to sea. [*Ibid., No.* 33.]

Dec. 24. Blandford. 52. Dept. Lieuts. of co. Dorset to the Council. It being His Majesty's intention to billet part of his army in their county, they will do their best endeavours. Recommend Wm. Whiteway and Edmund Dashwood, bailiffs of Dorchester, for Treasurers. Had sent a list of names for Privy Seals to the Lord Lieutenant.

Dec. 25. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Captain Cheek. Order given for landing and billeting the soldiers in his ship in Hampshire. That ship is to stay there, and the preservation of victual,&c., is referred to his care [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, ibid.*]

Dec. 25. Hampton. Proclamation against embezzling armour, munition, and other military provisions. [*Ibid., No.* 34.]

Dec. 25. Audley End. 53. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Sends list of Privy Seals for Dorsetshire, amounting to 1,788*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

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Dec. 26. Belvoir. 54. Francis Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Desires him to acquaint his Majesty with the inclosed aspersions against the Duke of Buckingham and the Earl. Prays that if either of them have a thought to hurt his Majesty "sweet Jesus" will damn him perpetually. *Incloses,*

54. I. *Wm. Carr to Francis Earl of Rutland. Informs the Earl of the information of Martin Danby against Christopher Hogg* [*see* 1625, *Nov.* 26,] *and of Hogg's examination* [*see* 1625, *Nov.* 30]. *The writer had committed Hogg to the gaol of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.* 1625, *Dec.* 3. *Incloses,*

54. II. *Copy of information of Martin Danby before mentioned.*

54. III. *The like copy of examination of Christopher Hogg.*

Dec. 26. The Downs. 55. Sir Hen. Palmer to [Nicholas.] Was glad to hear of his recovery. Desires a speedy despatch for two ships from Lubeck. Entreats that the St. Peter may be speedily made ready, according to the Duke's own directions at the Hague. Desires Capt. Fogg's commission for the St. James, of Calais.

[Dec. 26.] 56. Duke of Buckingham to Sir Wm. St. Leger. At the first coming home of the fleet there may be much disorder prevented by Sir Wm.'s presence, the Duke therefore entreats him not to stir from Plymouth; he might write to the Duke or Nicholas. When Captains' places were void, the Colonels should recommend to the Duke persons to be appointed. In proof of the attention he should give to such recommendations, he approved of Capt. Andrew Judd to be Captain of one of the vacant companies in Sir Wm.'s regiment. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 26. 57. Fr. Beda of the Barefooted Carmelites to Silvester Pardo of Ypres. The persecution of the Catholics increased, but without effusion of blood at present. The officers robbed the houses of the Catholics, and made good prize of their books, beads, images, and priests' vestments, with their money and other things not pertaining to their commission. In the country the Justices tender the oath of allegiance, and they who refuse it are thrown into prison and their goods confiscated. They were hoping that the Queen or the French Ambassador might interpose on their behalf. The fleet had returned from Cadiz with the loss of 4,000 or 5,000 men. Four or five priests had been put in different prisons, and last week 300 Catholics were accused in one district near London. Spanish.

Dec. 26. 58. English translation of the above.

Dec. 26. 59. The same to the Prioress of the Barefooted Carmelites at Ypres. The agents for Spain and Flanders having left England, his means of receiving news from Flanders had failed. He had written to the Father Provincial of France to arrange some means of communication. Similar account of the persecution of the Catholics, to that contained in the last letter. Spanish.

Dec. 26. 60. English translation of the above.

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Dec. 26. 61. Fr. Beda to the Father Provincial of the Barefooted Carmelites of France at Paris. Has recourse to his reverence to find means of performing the duty of sending intelligence, to which he is bound by his holy obedience. Suggests a communication through Giovanni Baptista Grimani or Peter Requesens. Reports the progress of the persecution, and the failure of the expedition to Cadiz. Italian.

Dec. 26. 62. English translation of the above.

Dec. 27. Peterborough. 63. Bishop Dove of Peterborough to the Council. As directed, he had applied to Lord Vaux for his arms. He replied that he had no armour; his progenitors left him none; neither did he ever buy any. He led them through all the rooms of his house, and they found none.

Dec. 27. Hampton Court. 64. Theophilus Lord Walden to the same. Information having been given to the Council that Roger Widdrington was trusted with the government of Lord Walden's estates, near the Borders of Scotland, he replies that Widdrington has not held any office under him for the last five or six years. In proof how "curious" he has been to employ any man of Widdrington's religion, he refers to James Douglas, Dep. Secretary of the Scottish affairs at Court.

Dec. 27. Dover Castle. 65. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Suggests to the Duke to obtain from the King a commission to grant letters of marque out of the Cinque Ports; no man will go to London on account of being bound not to break bulk until they come thither. Advantages of bringing ships stayed into Dover; suggests a general order to that effect; this was done in Sir Richard Bingley's time. Reports proceedings in the Admiralty Court, and begs the Duke not to doubt that he will make a business of it worth his acceptance.

Dec. 27. Dover Castle. 66. The same to Nicholas. If letters of marque be issued from the Cinque Ports, Dover will be the port in England for the Duke and Nicholas. Desires a warrant for swearing in Roger Chesterman as a Gunner of Dover Castle, in place of John Chesman. Mr. Reading requests that Mr. Byng may have leave to exchange his place.

Dec. 27. London. 67. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Robert Ambrose for boatswain of the Rainbow, in the room of Wm. Ward, deceased.

Dec. 27. Exeter. 68. Mayor of Exeter to the Council. In obedience to their order he had taken on himself the office of Mayor, and had personally attended to that service. By reason of the continued absence of the other officers and magistrates there had been dangerous tumults, the poorer sort resisting the officers and threatening to relieve themselves. The number of poor, being about 4,000, daily increases; almost all the able and better sort have abandoned the town; and tradesmen have removed their wares to other places and there keep shops and markets, to the ruin of Exeter if not timely remedied.

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Dec. 27. Exeter. 69. Mayor of Exeter to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. Stating in brief the circumstances mentioned in the last letter, and beseeching the Earl to continue his favour to the city of Exeter. The city's agent to the Council table would relate to him the particulars of their present state.

Dec. 27. Hendon. 70. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to the Council. Recapitulates the facts established by the examinations of Price, Tonnery, and Burling, Roman Catholics, committed to Colchester Gaol for seditious speeches.

Dec. 28. Charborough. 71. Sir Walter Erle to Sec. Conway. Extraordinary concourse in Dorsetshire to the houses of persons ill affected, daily increase of recusant strangers, and continual passing to and fro in covertly manner. These things argue some great business in hand. The letters for disarming coming late took little effect. The house of John Arundel of Chideock contains arms for 100 men, not to be got at without digging up a floor, or making a hole in a wall. Means by which a serviceable body of horse might be obtained. *Incloses,*

71. 1. *A note of the recusants' houses to which the late concourse has been; also of the names of recusants lately come out of other counties, of the houses that have not been searched, and of the passage of carriages to and fro by night; with observations on the best mode of raising a body of* 100 *carbineers.*

Dec. 28. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Eliza Lady Hatton. To borrow her house in Holborn for the French Ambassador. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 242.]

Dec. 28. Hampton Court. 72. Order of Council that the St. Peter of Newhaven, and all such goods therein and in the other prizes as appertain to subjects of France, or of the United Provinces, or of other states in friendship with his Majesty, should be delivered to such persons as should reclaim the same.

Dec. 28. Audley End. 73. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. By some omission his Dep. Lieuts. for Dorsetshire had been returned in the list of names for the Privy Seals. Desires that, as in other counties, they may be spared, especially as in these hard times they had advanced the service 400*l.* more than heretofore it was in days of plenty.

Dec. 28. 74. Dep. Lieuts. of Monmouth to Edward Earl of Worcester, Lord Lieut. They forward a list of recusants disarmed, with an account of the arms taken from them. *Inclose,*

74. 1. *The list above mentioned.*

Dec. 29. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Archbishop Abbot. To deliver the two priests to the French Ambassador, they being found to be his Almoners. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 242.]

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Dec. 29. Buckden. 75. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to Sir John Lambe, Commissary within the Archdeaconry of Leicester. Charges him to perform whatever is enjoined upon the Bishop by a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, of which a copy was inclosed, so that the Bishop might be able to make a return before the last day of March. He is particularly to examine the number of recusants and if he shall find any increase within 7 years, is to set down what he conceives to be the reason.

Dec. [29.] Hatton House. 76. Eliza Lady Hatton to Sec. Conway. Was sorry to receive commands from his Majesty which neither her health nor her fortune would allow her to obey. Had no other house fit for her to reside in but that in Holborn. Begs he will present that answer to the King.

Dec. 29. Hampton Court. 77. Order of Council that Lord Conway, Lord Vere, and Sir John Borlase [Burlassie] should consider what officers were fit to be kept with the forces which are to be lodged on the seacoast, and upon what entertainment.

Dec. 29. Cornwall. 78. Dep. Lieuts. of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Fowey, a safe port to receive a great fleet of ships, lying between Falmouth and Plymouth, is open and unfortified. Recommend the consideration of the same, and that if any fortifications be ordered they may be placed under the command of the Lord Lambert. *Inclose,*

78. I. *Petition of the inhabitants of Fowey to the Dep. Lieuts. of Cornwall, praying them to present their request that their port may be fortified.*

78. II. *Statement of reasons why the port of Fowey should be fortified.*

Dec. 29. Plymouth. 79. Commissioners at Plymouth to Sec. Conway. At present, the miseries of the soldiers are such that the recovery of their healths and the hope of new apparel keep them together, but they are forced to dispense with their ordinary duties. The extremity of their wants being past, and the soldiers once settled in fitting places, the Commissioners hope that all things shall so sort as to give his Majesty satisfaction. Care shall be taken to prevent embezzlement.

Dec. 29. Plymouth. 80. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. For the present they are of opinion that the army should be distributed into petty garrisons along the sea coast, but before that can be accomplished, they must receive some fourteen days or three weeks refreshing where they are now lodged. In their present state it is impossible they should go any whither, and to defer their apparelling is to suffer a multitude to perish. They might be transported along the coast in the ships that brought them. May be disposed of in Somersetshire and Dorsetshire, and five regiments in Devon and Cornwall. The payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* a week is complained of; it is desired that it may be 3*s.* The list of allowances for the officers is also objected to, especially as the serjeants are omitted. Commissions for martial law are much needed. Care shall be taken of the remainders of provisions.

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Dec. 29. Plymouth. 81. Sir Wm. St. Leger to [Sec. Conway.] Incloses a list of Captains and companies arrived in England. The gentlemen of the country, now they have seen the men, agree that it is not possible to remove them until they have recovered their strength and are clothed. They stink as they go, and the poor rags they have are rotten and ready to fall off if they be touched. This is the general condition of the men and some of the inferior officers are in no better plight. Insufficiency of the 5,000*l.* remitted by the Lord Treasurer. The bare clothing will come to 15,000*l.* *Incloses,*

81. I. *The list of Captains and companies already arrived before mentioned.*

Dec. 29. 82. Accompt of the remains of victuals aboard the ships of the fleet which are at Dartmouth.

Dec. 29. Plymouth. 83. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Requests instructions how to proceed with the Spaniard or Portuguese who arrived in that town in a ship of Colchester. [*See* 1625, *Dec.* 9.]

Dec. 29. 84. Certificate of the remainders of powder and ammunition in the ships arrived at Dartmouth.

Dec. 29. Westminster. 85. Peter Heywood to the Council. Had warned all persons in whose houses the sickness had been to cleanse and air the same, with all bedding, apparel, and household stuff. Publication to the same purport had been made in every church, with a rule how to effect the same. He had also seen personally to the execution of these directions, so that what was possible had been done. Westminster as clear from infection as any place in the world. Only four died of all diseases last week; not known so few these 30 years.

Dec. [30?] 86. Edmund Bolton to Sec. Conway. King James suffered him with his wife and family to live in peace to the conscience in which he was bred, and also gave him power for any three or four priests, but he only named John Colleton, a man of about fourscore years of age, and of so great integrity that he had leave to live free abroad under Queen Elizabeth and King James. Prays Lord Conway for a supersedeas to remove from him and Mr. Colleton all vexation until his Lordship should be spoken to.

[Dec. 30?] 87. Petition of John Colleton to the King. Requests him to peruse an annexed case, and give order that he might have the benefit solicited therein. *Annexed,*

87. I. *Case of John Colleton. The late King, by warrant dated April 5, 1622, freed him from the penalties of recusancy; he solicits a confirmation of that warrant.* [*The petition and case are in the handwriting of Edm. Bolton.*]

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Dec. 30. St. John's. 88. Edmund Bolton to Buckingham. The late King bequeathed a necessary war to his royal son, but counsels and successes are not relatives. If his Grace would once again move in Parliament for the College or Society of Honor, besides what his Lordship conceived high and hopeful in that proposal in point of gain and glory, it would undoubtedly make a diversion of many bitter and curious fancies and turn them to benevolent.

Dec. 30. Dorset Court. 89. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. It is usual at coronations to summon gentlemen of likelihood to come and take the degree of knighthood. Sends a warrant to be signed by the King for that purpose, similar to the one which passed in the King's father's time. He also sends the commission for executing martial law, and the writs [for electing Members of Parliament] for the remote counties of Devon and Cornwall, that he may charge the messenger to see them delivered to the Sheriffs.

Dec. 30. Dorset Court. 90. Note of so much of the above letter as refers to the warrant for the writs of summons to take the degree of knighthood.

Dec. 30. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. The King will not sign the writ to summon gentlemen to come up to be knighted at the coronation. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 242.]

Dec. 30. Hampton Court. The same to Mr. Wray, a Justice of the Peace in Yorkshire. For sending up one Hogg, a prisoner for speeches against the Duke of Buckingham and the Earl of Rutland. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 30. Hampton Court. Proclamation for removing the restraint upon the citizens of London in repairing to fairs, the sickness having now ceased. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 35.]

Dec. 30. Canterbury. 91. Sir George Newman, Judge of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, to the Council. Their Lordships having referred to him a petition of Jacob Borrell, claiming certain goods seized at Dover, he certifies that the matter has been examined by Sir. John Hippisley and himself, and that they find the goods in question to belong to the said Jacob Borrell.

Dec. 31. Hampton Court. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. Whether Privy Seals shall be sent forth before the Parliament or respited. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 242.]

Dec. 31. Hampton Court. The same to Bishop Neile of Durham. To lend his house in the Strand for the use of the French Ambassador. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 31. York House. 92. Duke of Buckingham to Sec. Conway. To speak to the Lord Treasurer to give order for drawing a Privy Seal for 3,000*l.* out of the first money that shall come in of the loan, to be employed privately for the business of Rochelle.

Dec. 31. Hampton Court. 93. Sir Ben. Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. The Parliament is to begin on February 6; the coronation to take place on the 2nd. Sir Dudley Carleton is Vice-Chamberlain. Lord Holland and he are going to France about the staying of merchant

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ships at Boulogne, on pretence of French goods being detained here in the prizes which were taken. All our merchant ships are stayed in Spain on the same reason. The Ambassadors are also to demand the ships lent against Rochelle, and if they be denied, we are to take a forcible course. The Bishop of St. Andrews and various noblemen have arrived from Scotland by his Majesty's command, on refusal of propositions made by the King in a convention at Edinburgh. The Court removes on Tuesday next and keeps the end of Christmas at Whitehall. The Queen intends to act her pastoral at Denmark House.

Dec. 31. Tottenham. 94. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Sends a letter from a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, respecting a relapsed scholar of that college who was said to be about to visit the Queen's Court, that he might be apprehended and examined. Has sent notice to the outports. The Archbishop of Canterbury would find means to intercept him. The man himself of less importance than his corrupters and abettors. *Incloses,*

94. I. *William Aufeild to Sec. Coke. On Christmas eve Richard Carpenter, a Bedfordshire man and scholar of King's College, openly professed himself of the Romish religion. He purposes to set forth towards Rome. His lands in Bedfordshire conveyed to a certain Lord. Has had entertainment in the Queen's Court and is minded to be there this Christmas.*

Dec. 31. Plymouth. 95. Sir John Eliot to the same. Solicits that his father-in-law, Mr. Richard Gedie, may be freed from a Privy Seal of 40*l.* with which he was charged, (notwithstanding his being in debt and having last year served Sheriff of Cornwall at a great expence,) out of some particular disaffections, and during Sir John's employments abroad in the service of the Duke. The sum they value not, but the circumstances give it another taste. Returns the name of another for that supply, rich and a usurer, which Sir John believes made him a passage out of the first certificate. No intelligence from the ships in Ireland. The sickness and mortality of the soldiers continue. Lord Conway's son had passed the holidays at Eliot's house.

Dec. 31. Hampton Court. Proclamation that all ships carrying victuals or munition of war to the King of Spain or his subjects shall be esteemed lawful prize. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 36.]

[Dec.] 96. Wm. Betts, Master Gunner of the Victory, to Sec. Conway. Had found means to cast 1,000 guns in a day, and had also invented such a fireball that one ship provided with it might fight many. Entreats a trial of these inventions.

[Dec.] 97. Petition of the orphan children of Captain Burton to the King, for payment of 190*l.* due to their father for service under Count Mansfeldt, in which he died, and also for compensation for his expenditure of 70*l.* in building a house for his residence in Pen[dennis] Castle, of which he had been Lieutenant.

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Dec. 98. Richard Daye to Sec. Conway. A proposal made by him for sowing Windsor Forest with acorns was favourably received by the late King. Desires to have it submitted to the present King. *Appended,*

98. I. *Copy of the petition presented to the late King, with an extract from Bodin on the importance of a stock of timber, and suggestions as to the way in which the charges of such a work might be defrayed.*

Dec. 99. Particulars of such Privy Seals as Sir Wm. Parkhurst had in charge as one of the collectors for Surrey. Sum received, 290*l.* Lists of such as made excuse, or were mistaken, or dead, or made no answer.

[Dec. ?] 100. Petition of Robert Ambrose, mariner, to the right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham. Went master's mate and acted as boatswain in the Prince Royal in the voyage to France for the Queen; was afterwards appointed boatswain to the Convertive, but on a picked difference by the master's mate was dismissed by the Earl of Denbigh; as the ship has now returned to Plymouth he prays that he may be restored to his office.

[Dec.] 101. Sir George Chudleigh to the Council. Suggestions concerning the distribution of the soldiers returned from the expedition to Cadiz.

[Dec. ?] 102. Notes upon Dunkirk:—The ships building there; the pay of the sailors; their share of prize ships; strength of the fleet there; and mode of access to the harbour. [Written by Sec. Coke on the blank pages of a cover of a letter addressed to him from the Downs on Dec. 26, by Sir Henry Palmer.]

[Dec. ?] 103. Petition of Grooms and Pages of the Chamber to the King. The late King, by Privy Seal of December 31, 1603, granted the petitioners an annual free gift of 100*l.* payable at Christmas; they pray that the same may be continued.

[Dec.] 104. Richard Quarles to Sec. Conway. He made a supplication
[Newgate.] some few weeks ago for his release from Newgate, where he is imprisoned by the Lord Mayor on suspicion that he is a priest. The Ambassador of Savoy had moved the King on his behalf, and the Duke of Buckingham had recommended his case to Lord Conway, who had replied that he must have patience. He has waited a full month, and now renews his application.

[Dec.] Regrant to William Earl of Pembroke of the offices of Captain of Portsmouth Castle, during pleasure, and Constable of Porchester Castle, and Lieut. of Southbere Forest, for life. [*Docquet.*]

[Dec.] 105. A collection of several grants of the office of Constable of the Castle of Porchester and Lieutenant of Southbere Forest, before the granting thereof, together with the office of Captain of Portsmouth, extending from 1 Henry VIII. to 1 Charles I.

[Dec.] 106. Copy of the preceding collection.

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1. Commencement of a work entitled "The End of King James his reign, and the beginning of King Charles." [This portion contains only the first chapter of the intended work, relating to the death of King James. It is illustrated by a small medallion portrait of the Duke of Buckingham. The handwriting is that of Edmund Bolton.]

2. "Memoire et etat de ce qui est de plus memorable en Angleterre:" a treatise in French on English institutions and functionaries.

3. Petition of James Levingston, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, to the King; prays that, having married, he may be allowed to surrender his pension of 500*l.* per ann., and may have in lieu thereof fee-farm rents to the value of 400*l.* per ann., for the lives of himself and his wife.

4. List of liveries to the King's Household which may be retrenched, and of others which are to cease post mortem.

5. Lieutenant of the Forest of Rockingham to Sec. Conway. Memorial praying that warrants may be granted for the preservation of the deer within that forest, and of the partridges, herons, &c., within the liberties of Newark-on-Trent.

6. Reasons why licenses should not be granted to fell trees in the forest of Roche, co. Somerset.

7. Statement by Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver of the Court of Wards, of his progress made in the disafforestation of Leicester and Fakenham Forests.

8. "Articles to be inquired of within the diocese of Lincoln in the general and triennial visitation of the right reverend father in God, John [Williams] by God's providence Bishop of Lincoln, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England. Imprinted at London 1625. 4to." [Printed; with a few MS. comments.]

9. Fees payable by a Bishop on his election, confirmation, homage, and the restitution of temporalities: total, 154*l.* 11*s.*

10. Opinion of [Mr. Sergeant] John Bramston in a case of alleged simony.

11. Verses, "In piam et doctam concionem D. Episcopi Dunelmensis, cujus thema erat 'Quid mihi et tibi mulier?'" Subscribed J. L. T. P. Δ. The Bishop alluded to was Dr. Richard Neile.

12. Note of contribution money of the clergy of the diocese of Lincoln towards the recovery of the Palatinate paid to Mr. Boswell, Special Commissary of the Bishop of Lincoln, (1,326*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*)

13. Minute of a request of Edward Abbotts, precentor of Wells, for a renewal of the late King's recommendation that he should be preferred to the next residentiaryship in that cathedral after the Dean.

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14. Notes out of the statutes concerning fish-days or fast-days, and imposing penalties for eating flesh on those days.

15. Note, indorsed "Mr. Davenport," apparently intended for Lady Vere. She is requested to acquaint Sec. Conway with certain facts respecting the writer's recommendation to a living, for which the Countess of Bedford has written that the Archbishop of Canterbury is inclined to prefer Mr. Wilson, and that his grace designates the friends of the writer as "a puritanical faction."

16. Paper of suggestions on the way in which the King's answer to the petition of the Lords and Commons against the increase of popery may be put into execution.

17. Petition of Sir John Gage to the King. Prays for a renewal of a protection against the penalties of recusancy, granted him by King James.

18. Certificate by John Eldred, Clerk of Assize for co. Kent, that Sir Wm. Roper of Eltham, co. Kent, and Alice his wife, were convicted of recusancy at the Assizes, 1 Charles. Martin James had been indicted at the last Assizes.

19. Petition of Dame Elizabeth Morley, late wife of Wm. Lord Morley, deceased, to the King. Prays that on account of the many crosses lately befallen herself and family, her composition as a recusant convict may not be insisted upon.

20. Petition of the same to the same. The King has signified his pleasure that she should not be indicted for matter of religion, but she had been indicted before that signification of the King's pleasure. Prays the King to sign a warrant to stay all suits against her.

21. Information for Francis Earl of Rutland respecting an arrangement made by the Earl of Annandale for favours in point of recusancy to be granted to the Earl of Shrewsbury, in consideration of which the Earl of Shrewsbury agreed to pay to the Earl of Annandale 100*l.* per ann., but discontinued the same payment on the death of the late King.

22. List of English seminaries and monasteries in the Provinces of the Netherlands and the diocese of the Bishop of Liege, with the names of the principal persons there living.

23. Petition of John Philipot, Bailiff of Sandwich, by water and land, to the Council. Divers watermen of London lately brought two boats full of children down to Tilbury Hope, where a ketch stayed to take them to Flanders; prays that the Watermen's Company may be required to bring forth these men. [This paper is indorsed in a hand of a subsequent date, "Mr. Phillpott about spirits," respecting whom at a subsequent period, see a proclamation dated 1686, March 26, in the Coll. Soc. Antiq.]

24. Answer to the question, "Whether the Pope [Urban VIII.] loved the King?" submitted to some person who is spoken of as "your Lordship." The answer refers to verses made by the Pope on the death of the King's grandmother, Queen Mary.

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25. Statement of facts relating to the cross causes of Sir Giles Estcourt *versus* Sir William Sandys, Thomas Carleton, and others, and Thomas Carleton *versus* Sir Giles Estcourt and others, arising out of the death of Mary Wintle.

26. Petition of Sir Edward Zouch to the King. Prays for order to the Lord Keeper and the Attorney of the Court of Wards to certify their opinion on the validity of the claim of Lord Zouch's heirs, and that an end might be made of all suits as well between the said heirs as the Lady Hastings and Sir Edward Zouch, until the King should have made a declaration in those differences.

27. Declaration of the facts in a cause between Elizabeth Dowager Lady Saye and Sele and Thos. Marbery, respecting lands at Oldwarden, co. Bedford, in mortgage to Sir Sidney Montagu.

28. The King to [the Judges of the King's Bench]. A suit between Stone and Newman is now pending in the King's Bench relative to lands formerly given from the Crown, but which reverted on the attainder of Sir Thos. Wyat. A case of a like nature having been formerly judged to be clear on behalf of the Crown, it is the King's pleasure that this case be adjourned over to receive a trial and final judgment in the Exchequer Chamber, where such weighty causes have been usually heard. [*Draft.*]

29. Statement of case respecting lands given to the Barbers' Company for keeping obits; with opinion of Attorney General Heath how far such devises were affected by the statute relating to superstitious uses.

30. Opinion of Attorney General Heath on a similar case, which related to a rent of 10*l.* per annum, and not to lands.

31. Statement of a case arising out of the will of M. H., a citizen of London, with the opinion of Sir Robert Heath thereon. [The paper is endorsed "Sir Th. Middleton."]

32. Statement of a case on the question of whether the King is entitled to the surplus value of lands granted by Edward VI. to endow a free school; with the underwritten opinion of Attorney General Heath.

33. "A true demonstration of the tides, and the flowing and reflowing of the sea, ordinary and extraordinary, with the reasons of the original growth and daily increase of salt marshes and marsh grounds, and how they are derelict and left by the sea;" with an addition designed to prove that marsh grounds left by the sea belong to the King by his prerogative.

34. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to [Sec. Conway.] Sends a certificate of persons lying in Newgate under reprieves from the Judges, as being persons able to serve the King. Henry Turner, Lieut. to Captain Hobart, will see them shipped and carried to the Low Countries if the King will command that they be delivered to him. The first persons named on the list are "William Stone and Kellam Hedges, for breaking the house of Mr. Endymion Porter, and stealing divers goods therefrom."

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35. Petition of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas and Barons of the Exchequer to the King. The Court of Exchequer Chamber was established by Act of Parliament of 27 Elizabeth, but no provision was contained therein for appointment of an officer to write and draw the acts of the court. The Judges have thereupon always appointed such officer, and the office is now filled by an able clerk; they therefore decline to admit Mr. Windham thereto, notwithstanding he has obtained a grant thereof from the King.

36. Extract, entitled, "Sta. 9 E. III., ca. 7," concerning the transmission of records by Justices of Assize and gaol delivery to the Exchequer, there to be kept under the seal of the Treasurer and Chamberlains.

37. Letter proposed to be written to the Justices of Assize to make provision in their several circuits for the rolls and records of the Sessions being safely kept in some certain place.

38. Reasons suggested by Henry Parker for the appointment of some one to prosecute the levying of the King's fines in the Star Chamber.

39. Petition of the same to the King, praying that he may be appointed collector of the King's fines in the Star Chamber, as he is of the fines in the Courts of the Marches of Wales and the High Commission.

40. Minute of the King's reply to a petition. His Majesty would maintain the grant of his father, but referred the same to the Lord Keeper, with the view of getting rid of a clause excepted against.

41. Martial laws ordained by his Majesty, with the advice of the Council of War, for the government and good ordering of the troops in this kingdom, to punish the malicious and wicked and to defend the innocent, according to the custom of all well-grounded kingdoms.

42. Copy of the same.

43. Suggestions for more effectually arming and exercising the Trained Bands. The people of England gave glorious evidences of their military aptitude when their offensive arms were bows. The bow gave place to the caliver, and that has since yielded to the musket, which is a weapon requiring more curious practice; the Lord Lieutenants ought, therefore, to be charged to take care for the better arming and training of the militia in the way suggested in the inclosed letter. *Incloses,*

43. I. *The Council to the Lord Lieuts. of the several counties, charging them to be careful in choosing for the Trained Bands able-bodied men, and men of livelihood, freeholders, and copyholders, and to see them armed according to a paper of directions sent therewith. Inclose,*

43. II. *Directions as to the arms of the several descriptions of soldiers, and the proper mode of training and exercising.*

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44. Copy of the above paper of directions as to arms and training; with a few words added, in the handwriting of Sec. Conway.

45. Directions for the training of foot soldiers.

46. The principal considerations in forming and disciplining of an army before it be brought in the way of an encounter with a potent enemy.

47. Suggestion on the relative proportions between the numbers of offensive and defensive forces, necessary to be considered by a Council of War, and established by the Prince and State.

48. Directions of Sir Thos. Leyton for all martial causes in the County of Norfolk, left with the Dep. Lieuts. of that county, Ralph Lane being appointed to assist them in the excution thereof.

49. Propositions for Musters for the better perfecting of the Trained Bands of this kingdom, and for the more ease of the counties in avoiding the training of all such bands in seed-time, harvest, and winter.

50. Abstract of the Muster Rolls of the Counties of Chester, Lancaster, Derby, Nottingham, Northampton, Monmouth, Leicester, and Rutland, for the year 1625.

51. Proportions in which 2,000 soldiers were to be furnished by the several counties; with names of officers.

52. Copy of the same; with some additional particulars.

53. Petition of John Roberts to the Council. Prays for an order to the Justices of co. Brecknock for payment of his pension as a disabled soldier.

54. Similar petition of Symond Holland, for like order to the Justices of Holland, co. Lincoln. He had served seven years in Queen Elizabeth's wars in the Low Countries, and had received many wounds.

55. Note of pay of various officers of the army.

56. Names of all his Majesty's ships and pinnaces, with their tonnage, number of men, guns, and other particulars.

57. Copy of the same.

58. Another list of King's ships, giving the names and weight of their several pieces of ordnance.

59. Copy of the above.

60. Statement of the charges per annum of his Majesty's ships and pinnaces employed at sea, being seven in number (13,533*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*), of the men serving at Chatham, Deptford, Woolwich, and Portsmouth (6,858*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*), and of extraordinaries, (6,000*l.*): total 26,391*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

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61. Orders to be observed in the King's ships when on service, with regulations for the management of the stock for the relief of the poor seamen.

62. Sir Henry Mainwaring to the Duke of Buckingham. Reasons why some of his Majesty's ships should be stationed at Portsmouth, rather than all of them remain at Chatham. Sets forth the peculiar aptitude of Portsmouth harbour to be made a station for the fleet.

63. Statement of the duties of the several Officers of the Navy Office, and of the Navy.

64. Memorial concerning a general Muster of all the seamen of England.

65. Paper addressed to Sec. Conway, and indorsed "A direction for a proclamation, that on pain of death no seaman should absent himself from the King's press, and that no Captain receive any pressed man into his service."

66. Memoranda of Sec. Conway, relative to business connected with the navy.

67. Extracts from Stats. 5 Richard II. and 1 Henry VII., for the increase of the navy.

68. Note of the Masters and others employed by the Trinity House, having an allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* per diem.

69. Observations to be considered on setting forth a fleet.

70. Estimate for victuals and pay of various bodies of men to be employed on board a fleet, amounting to 65,656*l.*

71. Estimate of the expense of victuals and wages for the King's pinnaces for ten months, 3,000*l.*

72. Paper endorsed by Sec. Coke, "Captain [Joshua] Downing's notes on the navy." It is arranged under three heads: 1. Occasions how the navy comes to be thus weakly manned; 2. Dangers that ensue therefrom; 3. Instructions for the boatswains, gunners, and shipkeepers in ordinary at Chatham, to take notice of and perform in their several charges.

73. Reasons presented to the Commissioners of the Navy by Sir Thos. Button, why Capt. Thomas might execute Sir Thos.'s command until he had settled certain specified businesses.

74. Note of long boats and pinnaces wanted by several of his Majesty's ships, "according to the project."

75. Sir Hen. Marten to the Council. The parties interested in goods taken at sea by Capt. Hinckley, and adjudged prize to Russell, had been before him, but being unable to reconcile them, he remitted the cause to their Lordships. [*Copy.*]

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76. Petition of Ancelm Clowe and the widow of Christian Offerman to the Council. Pray for an order to John James to pay to the petitioners, as owners of the ship the Orange Tree, the value of the Spanish bullion taken therefrom at Weymouth.

77. Names of the Commissioners in the first commission for prizal goods ; " this was but for receiving the goods."

78. Names of 38 Englishmen found on board Capt David Adam's ship, of Amsterdam.

79. Note of ships and goods cleared out [from Dover ?].

80. Memorial for Nicholas to procure from the Duke of Buckingham a release of three Jersey barks stayed at Southampton.

81. Information against Luke Fox, Marshal of the High Admiral's Court in the co. York, charging him with many frauds and oppressions.

82. Suggestion that the Duke of Buckingham should appoint a Collector General to take account of his Vice Admirals, and make sale of goods seized. [The suggestion is stated in the endorsement to have emanated from Mr. Richardson.]

83. Petition of Sir Thomas Roper to the most excellent Prince, George Duke of Buckingham. He had built a ship of 300 tons in Ireland, and had hired men and bought ordinance and other stores for her in England ; prays for license to transport the men and stores into Ireland, also for letters of marque, and that the Duke would confer a name upon the ship.

84. Warrant, unsigned, to Attorney General Heath, to prepare a grant of the office of Surveyor of the Ordnance in the Tower to Sir Alexander Brett and Sir Thos. Blooder, and the survivor, in as ample a manner as the said Sir Alexander now holds the said office.

85. Ordinances for the government of forts and their garrisons, propounded by the Council of War, to be considered by the Council of State, and by their approbation to be presented to his Majesty to be established for England and Ireland.

86. A copy of the "establishment of the entertainments and wages of the Lord Governor, Officers, Captains, and soldiers within the town of Berwick, and other holds in the North parts, made by the late Queen's Majesty, the 20th of June, in the 18th year of her Highnes raigne, and after that confirmed by our late soveraigne Lord King James, untill the dissolucone of that garryson."

87. Capt. Bacon [Captain of Camber Castle] to Lord Treasurer Ley. Describes the situation and condition of Camber Castle. Entreats payment of part of the arrears due to himself and his soldiers.

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88. Edward Benson, Captain of "Nelbey" Castle, to [Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. of Hants.] In answer to a complaint that he protected 40 more men in that castle than he ought. There have always been 50 men allowed for that castle. Begs his Lordship to give him the same authority as is possessed by the Captains of the other castles thereabouts, and if his other affairs will not allow him to settle an order, to refer the same to Sir Benjamin Tichborne, his Dep. Lieut. for those parts.

89. Petition of Sir Robert Killigrew, Captain of the Fort of Pendennis, to the Council of War. Commissioners were appointed by the late Council of War to view the defects of Pendennis; Sir Robert prays that their report may be examined, and further order taken therein.

90. Estimate for constructing field and ship carriages for ordnance and platforms for the White Tower and the forts of Gravesend, Tilbury, Portland, and Sandgate (10,140*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*).

91. Statement by Mr. Faulkener of the purchase by Queen Elizabeth of the house called the Minories for the use of the gunmaker for small shot, with the dealing therewith by Sir Roger Dallison, formerly Lieut. of the Ordnance, and since under his successor Sir Richard Morrison.

92. Wrongs done in the Minories under colour of Sir Roger Dallison's lease.

93. Houses gone to ruin and pulled down in the Minories.

94. Statement entitled "Munitions remaining at Plymouth." It appears from the endorsement that these stores were in the possession of "one Mr. Bennett," and that they were to be brought to the Office of Ordnance in the Tower.

95. Petition of the officers, gunners, and artificers belonging to the train of artillery of the late expedition for Cadiz to the King. They have received no pay, nor any certain order for discharge; they pray the King to give the requisite directions.

96. Petition of the officers and armourers of the King's Almayne Office of Armoury at Greenwich to the Commissioners of the Ordnance and Army. The petitioners set forth the institution of their office by Henry VIII., and an information given against them by one Faulkener, a man not able to do anything in the work; they pray the Commissioners to investigate the charges against them. *Inclose,*

96. I. *Note of armours lately made by the armourers at Greenwich, stating the names of the persons for whom the same were made.*

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[1625 ?] 97. Petition of Thos. Pitt, founder for brass ordnance to the King. The old weight of brass cannon was 7,000 lbs., demy cannons 5,300 lbs., and culverins 3,800 lbs.; he had lately cast them of the weight of 4,100 lbs., 3,300 lbs., and 2,200 lbs., so that there was great saving in metal and workmanship; but the petitioner had bestowed upon these new cannons so much labour that he prayed for an addition of 3*s.* 4*d.* in the hundred upon his allowance, making in all 16*s.* 8*d.* *Attached,*

97. I. *Certificate of the Officers of the Ordnance, that the petitioner Thomas Pitt and his brother, being all the founders of brass ordnance that are now living, deserve the addition of price desired.*

98. Instructions for Peter Vander Bruggen, on his going for England to endeavour to dispose of an invention for the improved manufacture of ordnance from bar iron.

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[1625 ?] 1. True state of the patent of logwood, granted Feb. 23, 17 James I., but since abandoned.

2. Reasons in favour of the revival of the patent for logwood.

3. Petition of Sir John Wolstenholme to the King. The loss on the farm of the general customs during the year 1625, by reason of the plague and troubles with Spain, had been 5,041*l.*, of which his share was 1,023*l.* 19*s.*; prays the King, in consideration of Sir John's nine years' service as a Commissioner of the Navy, not to suffer him to be so great a loser, especially as to do his Majesty service he exposed himself to infection by remaining in London during the plague.

4. Paper entitled "Brief memorials touching the promiscuous conveying of the revenues of the Crown, with an humble proposition of a remedy for the ordering and establishment of his Majesty's present revenues." [Said in the endorsement to be written by Henry Stanley.]

5. Note of various articles arranged in two parallel columns, the one headed "prohibited," the other "not prohibited." [Endorsed "proclamation or instructions about prohibited goods," in the handwriting of Sir John Coke.]

6. Account of the amount paid for principal and interest on a loan of 100,000*l.* by the citizens of London to his late Majesty. The money was lent in Easter Term, 1611, and was repaid in April 1613, 22,500*l.* being paid for interest.

7. Suggestions for increasing the amount received from the impost on tin exported, being then 20*s.* per ton.

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8. Brief notes out of the chroniclers Hall and Holinshed, as to the various ways in which Kings of England have raised money.

9. Reasons for restricting the trade in coals from Newcastle to English ships.

10. Estimated receipts from various items of the revenue derived from the customs,

11. Case respecting prohibited goods laden in Ireland in a ship belonging to Richard Sambourne, under bond to land them in Weymouth, but carried thence without entry at the Custom House. Suggestion that Richard Sambourne should be committed, or give surety for 10,000*l*., the value of the goods.

12. Reasons why bonds given by the merchants trading in French wines for the new impost of 20*s*. a ton, should be delivered up to be cancelled, and why that impost should be remitted in future.

13. Petition of apothecaries, grocers, and other retailers of tobacco in and about London to the King. Lewd persons, under pretence of selling tobacco, keep unlicensed alehouses, and others barter with mariners for stolen and uncustomed tobacco, to the disadvantage of the petitioners; the late King had recommended them to apply to Parliament, as also had the present King, and a bill had been drawn, but by reason first of the late King's death, and since "of the disagreement, they were advised not to move the same." Beg the King to refer their grievances to such persons as can best provide a remedy.

14. [—— Murray] to ——. The Cloth Workers are still content to give his Majesty 2*s*. on every cloth, dressing and dyeing. In that case his Majesty should cause his attorney "to raise the demurre, and proceed in justice in his Majesty's name, they being undone with tedious suits." They will give security and sufficient proof that it shall be no prejudice to the Duchess of Richmond or her assigns. They desire no more than they had in Queen Elizabeth's time.

15. Statement of abuses yet remaining in the dyeing and dressing of cloth, with a suggestion of remedies.

16. A Merchant Adventurer to [———]. On the late hearing of the cause concerning the dyeing and dressing of cloth, the person addressed expressed his wish to be satisfied on certain points, the writer therefore communicates his opinion on the question of exporting undressed cloth.

17. List of 26 names, the first three of which are "Sir Maurice Abbot, Kt., Governor [of the East India Company]; Mr. Ald. Clitherow, Deputy; Mr. Treasurer Bateman."

18. Paper by Sir Ralph Madison, delivered to a Committee [of trade], showing that the rise of the exchange in King James's time was the result of an act of state.

19. The same to the King. Setting forth "the depth of the mystery of trade." Sir Ralph had been employed by the late King in some matters connected with that subject.

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20. Note concerning the origin of the imposition of 30*d.* in the pound laid upon merchandise brought into the kingdom by merchant strangers. Fr.

21. Translation of the above into English.

22. Grievances of the Company of Painter Stainers of the City of London and remedies proposed for the same. The grievances arise out of the practice of the art of painting by persons, as well men as women, not being members of the company; the much bad work constantly done in drawing and counterfeiting the effigies of great and noble persons of honour and quality; the unlicensed breaking into the art of painting by many tradespeople, especially plasterers, and the use of stencilling. The remedies suggested are more stringent penalties, the power of defacing the paintings of unlicensed persons, and the absolute prohibition of that false and deceitful work of stencilling.

23. Statement of inconveniences which arise from allowing strangers to deal as brokers in the City of London.

24. Petition of Randall Crew to the King. The late King appointed Sir Francis Cherry and Edward his son his merchants in the East parts for the purchase of pitch, tar, and other things for the navy; since their deaths and that of Hildebrand Prusen their successor, the petitioner has been appointed to the same office during pleasure; he prays that he and Henry his son may have a grant for their lives.

25. Petition of the Hemp Dressers of London to the Commissioners for Trade. Complain that Merchant Strangers bring in ropes and packthread ready made, and pray that no person who has not served an apprenticeship may follow their occupation within 100 miles of London.

26. Petition of George Rookes, Robert Grove and company to the Council. The petitioner Grove having left large estates at the Canaries, both his own and his partners, they pray to be allowed to freight a ship with pipestaves, and quietly to proceed to and return from the Canaries with wines.

27. Suggestions on the propriety of abolishing the Receivers of the King's revenue and restoring the old practice of paying amounts due to the Crown into the Exchequer without the intervention of collectors.

28. Proposition for a new commission for raising a benefit to the King by licensing houses to be inns.

29. Proposal for making ordnance and muskets in a new way by which their destructive power would be greatly increased; also for the construction of galleys which could neither be sunk nor boarded.

30. Offer of Wm. Betts, Master Gunner of the Victory, to make an engine that should carry in it 10 or 20 pieces of ordnance, and also to make various other powerful machines, some for destruction, others for defence.

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31. Petition of John Blount to the King. Prays him to peruse a book which the petitioner had left in the hands of Philip Earl of Montgomery and in which he had shown means for enriching his Majesty with many millions, together with the increase of shipping and employment of the idle.

32. Conditions propounded by James Burett, a German, for the encouragement of the manufacture of "battry wares," with other conditions propounded, on behalf of the King.

33. Petition of Sir Wm. Courteen to the King; the lands in the South part of the world called Terra Australis Incognita, are not yet traded to by the King's subjects. The petitioner desires to discover the same and plant colonies therein. He prays therefore for a grant of all such lands with power to discover the same and erect colonies.

34. Project by Richard Corne for preventing dearth by planting fruit trees all over England, as was done in Normandy.

35. Proposition offered by Sir Jasper Fowler and his son-in-law John Joules, for raising a revenue of 25,800*l.* per annum, by increased duties principally on lead exported.

36. Sir Jasper Fowler to the King. With information of various abuses commonly practised in the Customs, and especially in the payment for cattle imported from Ireland, which it is said amounted to 40,000 annually, besides sheep.

37. Offer made to the King by Jean Loup, of Heinheim, in the Palatinate, to discover a secret means of rendering cannon useless, increasing the range of fire-arms ten times, and blowing up any kind of fortification.

Whitehall. 38. The King to Sir Robt. Dallington, Governor of the Hospital of St. James at Charter House. On the first election he is to admit Leonard Jerman a pensioner of that house.

39. Account by Frances Duchess Dowager of Richmond of money disbursed on Hatton House, being a part of Ely House in Holborn: total 7,882*l.* 16*s.*

40. Copy of the same with some omissions; indorsed by Sec. Coke.

41. Minute of petition of the City of Exeter to the King, for a confirmation of former charters with enlarged powers.

42. Fees payable to the Warden of the Fleet from persons committed to his charge, as settled in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and allowed in Parliament in the last year of King James.

43. Minutes of the King's orders on several petitions submitted to him; amongst them one relating to the rectory of Ludbarr alias Lurbarr, in co. Lincoln.

44. Points to be considered in the information *ex parte* Hodges in a suit of Hole *versus* Hodges, respecting the tithes of Lynwood.

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45. List of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex.

46. Paper entitled "Lands wherein others are stated with me upon trust." [It is endorsed "Mr Pepe's note." The lands include "Portbury and the hundred of Portbury," "Castleacre," "Norwich House," "Holkham," and other places in Norfolk. The persons named are "Pepys," "Bullen," "Mr. Attorney Coventry," "Beck," and "Sir Jo. Walter."]

47. Names of residents in the town of Rye, arranged according to wards, with note of the armour which several of them were bound to provide.

48. Petition of Sir Francis Wortley to the King. King James granted the castle of Scarborough to John Earl of Holderness, who conveyed the same to one Tompson. He is willing to part with it, but upon unreasonable terms. Sir Francis prays that the King would take the castle into his own hands; that the Council would set down what consideration should be given to Tompson, which Sir Francis would pay; and that thereupon the castle with the office of Constable should be granted to him. [*Minute.*]

49. Certificate addressed to Lord Chief Baron Walter in favour of the right of the parson of Staine, co. Lincoln, to take tithes in kind, which right was disputed by Thomas Ayscough.

50. Names of Lieutenants of the Tower of London from the reign of Henry VIII. to that of Charles I.

51. Names of officers in the City and Liberty of Westminster under the Duke of Buckingham, High Steward, and the Dean.

52. Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of Cornwall to the Council of War. Testify that the reasons for the fortification of Penzance set forth in the petition of the inhabitants are true, and that the cause deserves commiseration.

53. Petition of Roger Polkinghorne, one of the Aldermen of Penzance, in behalf of the inhabitants, to the Council of War. The town lies open and unfortified; it was burnt by the enemy in the time of Elizabeth and has of late been fearfully terrified by the Turks; it is therefore prayed that some competent means may be taken by fortification or otherwise for its defence.

54. Statement addressed to the Council of the grounds and reasons of the petition presented to the late Council of War for the fortification of Penzance. They request 8 pieces of ordnance and a grant of 600*l.*

55. Appointment by the Duke of Buckingham of Anthony Arundell and Richard Brian, and the survivor, to the office of sealing and measuring coals, culm, corn, and salt, within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the Counties of Glamorgan, Caermarthen, and Pembroke.

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56. Wm. Below to Sec. Conway. The late King granted him a pension of 150*l.* per annum as a testimony of his good behaviour in the late Queen's service. His pension is 475*l.* in arrear. Being in debt 1,000*l.*, he offers to resign his pension for that sum, to be paid to Charles de Bowsie and Abraham Decks.

57. Joseph Bainbridge to Robt. Read. Requests him to entreat Mr. Webb to keep possession of a letter in which it is alleged that Bainbridge had spoken irreverently of the late Lord Warden, deceased. By this scandal persons described as "Norton and our Town Clerk" [of Dover?] had procured the writer to be dismissed from an office held by him in connection with the Cinque Ports. He also solicits favour for his brother-in-law John Thomas.

The Marshalsea. 58. Chevalier de Boisgaudre to Sec. Coke. Desires to speak with him on a subject of importance on which he could not write.

59. Memoranda in the handwriting of Nicholas, entitled "Memorial for Commissioners of my Lord's," that is, the Duke of Buckingham's "revenue."

60. "Carmen acrostichum in nomen ornatissimi dignissimique Musarum Mecœnatis Eduardi Nicholas, armigeri," by Edward Bullingham.

61. Petition of the Knights, Justices of the Peace, and gentlemen of co. Chester to the King. About eight years last past the late King granted a writ of protection to Sir Urian Leigh, who had served his Majesty and the late Queen in war and peace, and was a man of much deserving. Since which time other men of no merit have obtained similar writs, to the great grievance and damage of the County Palatine. Pray that no such protections may be granted in future.

62. James Lord Doncaster to his father James Earl of Carlisle. On Lord Doncaster's departure from Turin, Mons. Figoune, the physician, would not let any one meddle with his cheek, by reason there were no good surgeons there. Prays for the Earl's safe arrival in England.

63. Thos. Donkin, one of his Majesty's posts for his Highness' pacquet for foreign parts, to ——. Craving allowance of extraordinary expenses on a journey to the Hague.

64. Eliza Lady Falkland to Sec. Conway. The uncle of her servant, William Hitchcock, is lately dead, and has left him a pretty estate. His engagements are many, and he cannot discharge them under two months. Lest he should be arrested in the meanwhile, she begs Lord Conway to acknowledge him his servant, under his hand. If the Sec. writes to Lord Falkland in Ireland, he is requested to let him know that his lady does her best to do him service in England.

65. Catherine Harbar to Endymion Porter. Desires him to procure her son a place as purser's mate.

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66. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a warrant for the gift of 10,000*l.* to Thos. Earl of Kellie. [*Draft.*]

67. Certificate of Sir Theodore Mayerne, his Majesty's principal Physician, and W. Harris, M.D. That Lady Dorothy Jenkins, wife of Sir Henry Jenkins, could not be carried down into the country (according to the proclamation) without great prejudice to her health.

68. Minute of petitions to be submitted to his Majesty. Amongst them, petitions of Mr. Milles respecting the fraudulent dealing of Lawrence Lownes, Comptroller of Customs in London; of Miles Hughes, respecting his invention of light field pieces; and of Eleanor Lindsay, widow of the Bishop of Ross, complaining of an alleged breach of trust by Sir John Dunbar.

69. Petition of John Millington, Purveyor for wine, to the King. The late King granted him 2*s.* per diem for his life, he prays the King to confirm the said allowance.

70. Petition of William Morgan, "minister and prisoner," to Sec. Conway. For three quarters of a year he had sustained the bitter afflictions of Egyptian-like bondage; being in despair of trial or hearing, he prays that his cause may be "eventilated."

71. Certificate that Thos. Nevett, of Elham, who was appointed to bear arms, was a carpenter, who had nothing but what he got by his labour.

72. Warrant to the Exchequer to direct Henry Lyde, Usher of the Star Chamber, to deliver to the Secretaries of State the customary allowance of paper, wax, and other necessaries. [*Draft, with unsigned order underwritten, for the Clerk of the Signet to prepare the requisite bill for the King's signature.*]

73. Petition of Sir Henry Mervyn to the King. Entreats that after 20 years spent in the service of the King and his father, he be not suffered to perish under the King's displeasure. Bereaved of friends by the King's frown, and defrauded of an estate by a disobedient son, he beseeches the King to preserve him and three daughters from dishonourable wants by bestowing on him 200*l.*

74. Draft letter suggested to be addressed by the Council to the Corporation of Bath, calling upon them to remedy the great disorders committed in the common use of the baths by men and women together; which draws a great concourse of wicked persons, but compels grave and sober people to forbear the place.

75. Draft order that forasmuch as his Majesty's letters to the Grand Signior, the King of Persia, the Emperor of Russia, the Great Mogul, and other remote Princes, had been written, limned, and garnished with gold and colours by scriveners abroad, thenceforth they should be so written, limned, and garnished by Edward Norgate, Clerk of the Signet in reversion.

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76. Petition of Elizabeth Osbaston to Sec. Conway, praying that she, her husband, and children might be allowed to remain in a house of the value of 4*l.* per ann., in which they were Lord Conway's tenants.

77. Petition of Endymion Porter to the King. The King has power to grant leases of lands of the Duchy of Cornwall, although such leases will be void against his first heir that shall be Duke of Cornwall; prays that the King would grant him a lease for 21 years of the manor of Bradnynch, of the manors which belonged to Henry Courteney, Marquis of Exeter, since annexed to the Duchy, and of the manor of Fordington, and eight other manors; and of the prisage and butlerage of wines, and of the custom called "maletott," due upon goods exported or imported from or into the ports of the Duchy.

78. Allowances claimed by Humphrey Roberts, Deputy to Sir Francis Carew, Prothonotary of the Court of Chancery, for ingrossing and ornamenting various public instruments of great importance; amongst them, the King's marriage articles.

79. Edmund Lord Sheffield to Lord Treasurer Ley. Solicits him to favour the bearer, a gentleman matched with the writer in blood, in a suit, which is the smallest that ever so well deserving a gentleman did ask, and which the King doth well allow of, if the Lord Treasurer doth the like.

80. Petition of Thames fishermen to the King, praying him to confirm the acts done by his father, with a view to their incorporation.

81. Request of Sir Anthony Weldon, that the Postmaster of Dartford might be sent for [to the Council] for violently taking a gelding of Sir Anthony's from his servant, and sending it as a post-horse with the ordinary packet.

82. Petition of Wm. Wood of St. Catherine's to the King. The petitioner's son, Wm. Wood, a ship surgeon, was captured and carried into Tunis, where he remained in slavery three years; Captain Leatt paid 73*l.* 12*s.* for his ransom, and the petitioner found sureties for the amount; on his son's return voyage, he was captured again by an Algerine ship of war; the petitioner prays that 33*l.* 12*s.* remaining due to Captain Leatt may be paid out of the first money collected by brief.

83. Petition of Edmund Wyndham to the King. The late King on the 25th March in the fifteenth year of his reign, granted to Roger Thorp all goods of traitors from the thirtieth year of Queen Elizabeth, reserving to the king one moiety; the petitioner prays for a grant of the reserved moiety, and for a further grant of the said goods of traitors from the date of Thorp's grant until the 26th June last past.

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84. List of the Lord Lieutenants of all the counties in England, prepared within a few months after the accession of King Charles I.

85. Petition of Robt. Young, assignee of his Majesty's Printer for the Latin tongue, to the King. Has nearly printed a Latin Bible; prays that he may have a royal warrant for adding thereto the liturgy in Latin.

86. Petition of Hugh Paulet, son of George Paulet, sometime Lieutenant of Jersey, to Sec. Conway. Petitioner having been a soldier in several foreign services, especially at Breda, and having come over distressed, appeals to Lord Conway, the rather as the petitioner is a near kinsman of Sir Philip Carteret, for assistance to travel to his friends.

87. Petition of Abraham Vanderdort to the King. Sets forth the two grants made to him, each being of 40*l.* per annum, and prays that they may be joined together and augmented into one grant of 100*l.* for his life.

88. Sir Wm. Alexander to Sec. Coke. According to his Majesty's pleasure Sir Wm. had written to the Earl of Montrose, President of the Privy Council and of the Council of War in Scotland, that by the advice of Colonel Bruce, he should see the monies for levying troops in that country for Count Mansfeldt properly applied. Sir Wm. has since heard that Sir John Coke has commanded Burlamachi not to pay over any of the money without a letter from the Chancellor [of Scotland], of which order Sir Wm. complains.

89. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Sends a copy of a letter which "the General" has written to the Prince of Orange. Burlamachi's brother says that on no account should any more men be sent over.

90. Sir Isaac Wake to Sec. Conway. Note of chests containing glass sent [from Venice] by Sir Isaac Wake to the Duchess of Buckingham, Lord Conway, and Sir Robert Harley, by the Mayflower, of which the master's name was Gates.

91. Memorandum to move his Majesty for order to pay Sir Walter Aston 57*l.* for sending Davies out of Spain into England to fetch blanks from the late King to his present Majesty.

92. Order of Lord President Mandeville for a pass for Lodwick Dyer, and Geo. Sinner his servant, to travel for two years.

93. Petition from a Clerk of the Signet to ——; for the King's license to travel abroad for three years.

94. Sir John Wolstenholme to Sec. Conway. Certificate that Capt. Conwick's sons applied to him for a pass; being under age, he referred them to the Clerk of the Council.

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Case containing deeds and documents described in their chronological order.

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1625. TRINITY HOUSE CERTIFICATES.

Among the papers of this period there occur a considerable number of formal documents ordinarily termed "Trinity House Certificates." These are letters addressed by the authorities of the Corporation of the Trinity House to the Duke of Buckingham, as Lord High Admiral, and after his death to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. Their object was to solicit a warrant for "laying aboard" a particular specified ship, a certain number of pieces of ordnance, deemed necessary for the ship's defence. One of these certificates was issued in relation to every ship, the owners of which desired to have the protection of great guns. They are all substantially in one form, and in most cases specify the place where the ship was then lying, its name, by whom built and where, its tonnage, the names of its owners and master, and the number and particular character of the ordnance desired. As these certificates form one collection, comprised in Vols. XVI. and XVII. of the Domestic Papers of Charles I., and, for a certain period, are extremely numerous, it is thought better to insert a brief notice of them at the end of every year, rather than overload the Calendar by entering each certificate separately on the day of its date. Certificates with reference to the following ships occur in the year 1625.

Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
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May 4	George, of London -	Embden, Friesland	400	Vol. XVI. No. 1.
Sept. 27	Thomas Bonaventure -	Shoreham - -	200	„ No. 2.
Nov. 12	Sampson, of London -	Limehouse - -	500	„ No. 3.
Dec. 7	The Friendship - -	Great Yarmouth -	140	„ No. 4.
— 21	The Phœnix - -	The same - -	160	„ No. 5.

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Account of England and its institutions, with some particulars relating to the Governments of France, Spain, the States, and Tuscany, written about the end of the reign of King James I., with some additions made after his decease. [*Copy.*]

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Jan. [1.] [Plymouth.] 1. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Nicholas. Is glad that the Duke has commanded him to address his correspondence to Nicholas. Has written to the Duke thrice, but he has taken notice only of the last. Is anxious about his former letters. If they have been read by any but the King or the Duke he shall suffer, although there be nothing in them but truth. If there be not some speedy course taken for clothing the soldier and satisfying the officer, the one will starve and the other leave the command, for in truth they are in extreme want. Is a suitor that they may have more speedy answers, for their extremities are greater than the Lords can imagine. They want martial law to punish offenders of several kinds, without the reformation of whom his Excellency will never be well served.

Jan. 1. York House. 2. Duke of Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant for impressment in the Thames of 20 of the best merchant ships he can find.

Jan. 2. Dover. 3. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Reports directions given for the Hamburgher and two ships from Lubeck to be sent up to London. The Admiral of the Dunkirkers being in Calais Road has been chased by 12 Holland men-of-war. The Dunkirkers killed the Dutch Admiral and the master of his ship. Marvellous storms.

Jan. 2. Dover. 4. The same to Nicholas. Has sent the Hamburgher and the ships of Lubeck up the river in charge of Capt. Ledyard of the Charles. Has received commands to attend upon the Ambassadors, but has been prevented by very foul weather. Recommends Richard Harty, of the Isle of Thanet, and Capt. John Winter, of Canterbury, as Captains for the merchant ships.

Jan. 2. 5. Dep. Lieuts. of Glamorganshire to Edward Earl of Worcester. Received his letters of October 31 concerning the loans. Their country has suffered extreme losses by Turkish pirates, who have taken their ships trading for France and Ireland with butter, to the utter undoing of many men, and impoverishment of the whole country;—the farmers being disabled to pay their rents, and the honest men detained slaves at Sallee imploring the aid of their friends. Endeavoured to make a list of persons able to lend, but found them so few and the amounts so small that they prefer representing to his Lordship the state of their poor country, and waiting his further commands. They also received his letters for disarming popish recusants, a kind of people with whom they are not much pestered. Send a return of what they have done. *Inclose,*

5. 1. *A list of popish recusants charged with armour within the co. of Glamorgan.*

Jan. 2. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Abp. Abbot. On behalf of Capt. Langworth taken for a priest; with a suggestion for a general thanksgiving after the great plague. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

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Jan. 2. Nonsuch. 6. Geo. Lord Carew, Master General of the Ordnance, to Lord Treasurer Ley. Reports what has been done between the Officers of the Ordnance and the Merchant Adventurers and the Eastland Company, concerning the importation of powder and saltpetre. The store of powder and all other munitions is very weak, but that of powder must first be specially had in consideration. *Incloses,*

6. I. *Officers of the Ordnance to Lord Carew. The Merchant Adventurers had replied that, through their foreign agents, they would inquire what store of petre or powder might be had in those parts, but they recommend the King to commend the service to his Ambassadors.* 1626, *Jan.* 2.

6. II. *The answer of the Eastland Merchants. They will in like manner inform themselves what quantity of powder can be bought in the East parts; its quality may be tested by some now at Blackwall. Commodities are laden in the East countries in March or April, according as the winter is long or short, and commonly arrive here in May or June.*

Jan. 3. Pendennis. 7. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Rumour of a stay made of our ships in France. The St. John will be afloat again that evening. Solicits the command of the fort which his Majesty intends to make at Fowey.

Jan. 3. Plymouth. 8. Sir Edw. Harwood to Sir Dudley Carleton. One half the fleet has arrived in England and a good part in Ireland. Ten sail are missing, and great fears entertained for the Constant Reformation; when last seen, she had lost both her masts. The army in miserable plight; and although orders have been given to clothe them, there is no money even to feed them. The ships full of great defects, and the sickness has been so fatal amongst the sailors, that there are scarcely men left to trim the sails. [*Minute.*]

Jan. 4. Plymouth. 9. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. As directed they had stayed five merchant ships for his Majesty's service, and ordered the rest to proceed to the Downs. The ships stayed would require cost and time before they could again be set forth to the seas. The persons with whom the soldiers are billeted threatened to thrust them out of their houses for want of their weekly pay. Their summer's provision was all spent by the soldiers before they began this voyage, and they have no money to buy. Nothing yet received on the order for 5,000*l.* to be paid out of the loans in Devon and Cornwall. Difficulties they find in billeting the soldiers; the rich will not have them, and the poor cannot support them. Entreat a supply of money and further directions. *Inclose,*

9. I. *Mayor of Dartmouth to Commissioners at Plymouth. Had provided shirts for the soldiers; but they were so destitute of other apparel, that, the cold pinching them, some died and none recovered their health. General sickness amongst the mariners. The ships are unmanned, and those parts could not supply sailors to carry them to London. He endeavoured to prevent embezzlement of stores, and had called for account of remainders of victuals.* 1626, *Jan.* 3.

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Jan. 5. Whitehall. 10. Order of Council, that in order to prevent the sale of English ships to foreigners, no such ship of above 50 tons be allowed to sail until bond be given, with sureties, that she shall not be aliened to or for the use of any stranger born.

Jan. 6. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Wards. Concerning his chamber in the Court. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

Jan. 6. 11. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Order having been given him to make ready a fleet of 30 sail, he is authorised to press as many ship-carpenters, caulkers, and other workmen, as he should think fit.

Jan. 6. 12. The same to the same. Authority to press as many gunners, seamen, and mariners as should be requisite.

Jan. 6. Whitehall. 13. The same to all Admirals and others. His Majesty having appointed a fleet of 30 sail to be fitted for six months, and Capt. Pennington being sent to Plymouth to expedite the same, they are directed to give him their best aid.

Jan. 6. 14. Petition of Charles Aty to the Council. Having been 20 days in the custody of a messenger and 9 days in the Marshalsea, to his great loss and the injury of his credit, prays for his enlargement.

Jan. 6. 15. Jo. Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, to Nicholas. Recommends Michael Thompson to be Master Gunner of the Desire.

Jan. 6. Aylesbury. 16. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Buckingham to Buckingham. Send names of such of their county as are of best ability to lend. Have extended the list so as to make the burthen the less, and raise the sum to about the amount in the late King's time when the clergy contributed. The country importuned them to present their petition for the coat and conduct money (437*l.*) laid out that year, and also for the balance of the charges for Count Mansfeldt's forces.

Jan. 7. 17. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Appointing him to take charge of his Majesty's ship the Lion, as Admiral of the fleet now fitting out for employment at sea.

Jan. 7. Whitehall. 18. The same to the same. Instructions:—He is to hasten to Plymouth, to select 30 ships out of the late fleet, and to take from the provisions and stores of the returned ships whatever may be necessary for his own fleet, together with such masters, pilots, gunners, and mariners, as he shall think fit, leaving only on board the ships not selected, sufficient stores and men to take them home.

Jan. 7. Whitehall. 19. Sec. Conway to Richard Wainwright, John Griffin, and John Gray. Warrant to search for and apprehend Father Muskett, Father Smith, and Father Wordington, Jesuits, seminary priests, or persons dangerous to the state; and also to seize all seditious books, papers, massing stuff, and other reliques found in any place where they may be concealed, and to bring both persons and all such stuff before Lord Conway.

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Jan. 7. Mint. 20. Richard Rogers, Comptroller, and Andrew Palmer, Assaymaster of the Mint, to Sec. Conway. His Majesty having approved of a pattern for a 20*s.* piece of gold, designed by Abraham Vanderdort, the writers request Lord Conway to state to the King certain reasons why this pattern is not applicable to the ordinary coinage, although, if his Majesty were disposed, he could have some few 3*l.* and 5*l.* pieces curiously done for his pleasure.

Jan. 7. Southampton. 21. Dep. Lieuts of Hants. to the same. Two companies of soldiers are lodged in Southampton. Desire instructions as to what is meant by "the overplus of the entertainment" to be applied for clothes. The whole is only 2*s.* 6*d.* per week, out of which nothing can be spared. The soldiers are in such miserable case that they cannot be lodged anywhere till they be clothed. The writers ask for order to be given to the collectors of the loan to supply money for that purpose. The ships are coming from Ireland, therefore the case is urgent. Capt. Craft has come into Portsmouth in the Jacob with 60 men miserably poor and weak.

Jan. 7. Plymouth. 22. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Finding the Friendship, one of the five merchant ships stayed by them, as reported on the 4th inst., to be out of repair, they have substituted the George.

Jan. 7. Plymouth. 23. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Buckingham. It seems by the letters of the Council, that they understand his Grace's commission to be at an end, because they say they will send an order for martial law. Inconveniences of doubt upon such a subject. The gentlemen of the country have wholly forsaken the Commission which is left to the mayor and town clerk. Having no power to punish, the men grow bold and insolent, whilst the officers are ready to pull out the throats of the Commissioners for money. They receive no answers from the Council. The Lord Treasurer has sent down a paymaster, but never a penny of money. Such appointment is to the prejudice of the Treasurer appointed by the Duke.

Jan. 7. Whitehall. 24. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant for employment of the 500*l.* ordered to be paid to him in making ready so many of the ships of Mons. de Soubise, as he should think fit for sending to sea such carriages and provisions as the Duke had by word given order for.

Jan. 8. 25. Capt. Pennington's list of such ships as are nominated to go along with him if they can be made ready.

[Jan. 8.] 26. A similar list, with memoranda by Pennington, of various requests, principally relating to his instructions, which he desired to have plainly expressed, what he should do, and what he should not do, and to have it under the King's own hand.

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Jan. 8. Plymouth. 27. Sir John Burgh to Buckingham. Recommends Sir Chas. Vavasour for a company vacant by the death of Capt. Groves. The ill success of the late expedition makes him so ashamed that he is afraid to appear before the Duke. His reputation must be blemished amidst the throng, but as the justice of the Duke will ask account of every man's part, he hopes to find pardon. Solicits leave of absence.

Jan. 8. Dover Castle. 28. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Sir Edwin Sandys and Mr. Scott stand for the County of Kent, but are opposed by Sir Edward Hales, a very honest man, and by Sir Robert Hatton, of whom he cannot hear much. If the Duke will that night send to all those of the navy to be there "for Sir Sandys," Hippisley thinks he will carry it; if not, the Duke must bring him in for the Ports. Marvels that his letters are not come down to the Ports for the men he intends to put in: they must not be delayed, or the Duke will lose his right. Sir Dudley Carleton expects a place from the Duke. Hippisley wishes that he would not put him upon Dover, for a reason to be explained at the Duke's coming. For the provisions he had written about, Hippisley will do his best; but Dover is the worst place in all England. If the weather be fair, he will send into France.

[Jan. 9.] 29. Petition of the Combarons of the Cinque Ports to the Duke of Buckingham, that, by his assistance, they might, at his Majesty's coronation, be admitted to perform the service which of ancient time had been done by their predecessors.

Jan. 9. Gloucester. 30. Bishop Goodman of Gloucester to the Council. Reports his proceedings in waiting upon the Earl of Castlehaven at Sudeley Castle, and receiving from him his arms.

Jan. 9. Hartlebury. 31. Bishop Thornborough of Worcester to Lord Keeper Coventry. Sends a note of such arms as the City of Worcester has in their custody, having been taken heretofore from the father of the present Earl of Shrewsbury. *Incloses,*

31. 1. *List of the arms sometime belonging to John Talbot, Esq., deceased.*

Jan. 9. 32. Petition of eighty-three English and Scottish sailors prisoners in Dunkirk to the King:—Set forth the miserable nature of their bondage, and that they are told by certain Jesuit priests that the Princess of West Flanders will not relieve them unless a Jesuit priest who lies in Dover Castle be first released; pray that the Jesuit alluded to may be set free.

Jan. 11. Whitehall. Proclamation for better confining popish recusants, convict according to the law, to their dwellings or within 5 miles thereof. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 37.]

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Jan. 11. Bewdley. 33. Wm. Earl of Northampton to the Council. His delay in sending certificates for the loan had been occasioned by the backwardness of the country, so that the whole burden of making the returns had been thrown upon himself. They pretend poverty, the payment of subsidies, the charges for levies of soldiers, and the certainty of a Parliament. The shires of Gloucester and Hereford have never returned any answer, and lately a doubt has arisen whether the King's letter authorises the Earl to require certificates beyond the Principality of Wales. Sends certificates for Salop and Flint compiled as carefully as he could, being destitute of all helps, and finding infinite difficulty in persuading men to discover the state of their country.

Jan. 12. Sherborne. 34. John Earl of Bristol to his kinsman Sec. Conway. Has sent the bearer with copies of all the restraints he has received, and a note how he understands them, and shall receive it as an especial favour clearly to be informed in what position he stands. Has presumed against this happy time of the King's coronation to be an humble suitor for his Majesty's favour; the bearer will show Lord Conway the letter to the King to which he craves his assistance. *Incloses,*

34. 1. *Extracts from and copies of various letters of restraint addressed to the Earl of Bristol by Sec. Conway, the Duke of Buckingham, and the King; the last dated* 1625, *June* 10, *excusing the Earl's nonattendance in Parliament, notwithstanding his writ of summons.*

Jan. 12. Doctors' Commons. 35. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. The Pursers' places of the Anne Royal and two other ships having fallen vacant, he recommends Mr. Duffield, late Mayor of Rochester. He will give 100*l.* for the Anne Royal, and 60*l.* for either of the others.

Jan. 12. 36. G. Marsh to [the same] He was desired by Lady Apsley to recommend her steward Philip Barnes, for Purser of the Phœnix.

Jan. 12. Dover Castle. 37. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Incloses an apology from the town of Dover for not choosing Sir Wm. Becher. For himself he was so vexed that he knew not what to say. A faction was made upon a sudden to have put them both out.

Jan. 12. Downs. 38. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. With some difficulty he had landed the Ambassador at Calais. His professions of respect for the Duke and satisfaction at his treatment in England. He never began a meal aboard but with the Duke's health. Propriety of keeping the fleet in the Downs during this uncertainty of winter weather. Solicits the despatch of his commission for the St. Peter, promised him by the Duke at the Hague.

Jan. 12. From aboard the Entrance in the Downs. 39. The same to Nicholas. Has sent divers packets but received no answers. Desires instructions respecting the two Danskers whom he had stayed; also a warrant to press 40 men for his own ship in the Cinque Ports; also a commission for Capt. Fogg, whom he esteems next his own children, to serve with him; and a list of the ships to remain in his charge. His ship leaky.

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[Jan. 12.] 40. Purser's account of provisions received on board the Zouch Phœnix of London.

[Jan. 12.] 41. The like account of provisions spent to this day.

Jan. 12. 42. Receipt for 38*l.*, paid by Sir Geo. Holles for transporting sergeants and other officers from Rotterdam to London.

[Jan. 12.] 43. Memoranda respecting the duties, distribution, and mode of payment of the sergeants from the Low Countries.

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Francis Gofton. To prepare a Privy Seal for allowances made to the Queen's servants answerable to those made to the servants of Queen Anne of Denmark. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a pardon for John Tapps. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Jan. 13. 44. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Have received information from persons who have been aboard the Happy Entrance in the Downs and the Nonsuch and Garland at Gore-end, that for these Christmas holidays, the Captains, masters, boatswains, gunners, and carpenters, were not aboard their ships, nor gave any attendance to the service, leaving the ships a prey to any who might have assaulted them. The Commissioners sent down clothes for the sailors and there were no officers to take charge of them, and the pressed men ran away as fast as the Commissioners sent them down. If they had beaten up and down they might have prevented the loss of two English ships taken by the Dunkirkers off Yarmouth.

Jan. 13. The Tower. 45. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends his servant Philip Barnes, for Purser of the Adventure, in place of Bartholomew Preston, deceased.

Jan. 13. 46. Archibald Douglas, Captain of a ship lost in the King's service, to Buckingham. Desires that he may be taken into the Duke's service; and solicits compensation for the loss of his munition and stores.

Jan. 13. Deptford. 47. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Solicits the confirmation of Peter Harding as master carpenter of the Convertive; the appointment of Thos. Wilkinson as Purser of the Adventure or some other ship, for which he offers to lay down 20 pieces; and the suit of one Fleming which Sec. Coke promised to mention to the King on the Duke's return from the Low Countries.

Jan. 13. 48. Certificate of Thomas Wyan, Dep. Reg. of the Court of Admiralty, that Timon Jacobson and others had laid claim in that Court to certain oil, bastard wine, &c., stayed in the St. Andrew, of Calais, which claim was opposed on behalf of his Majesty, and remained undecided.

Jan. 13. Canterbury. 49. Sir John Prewde to Nicholas. It being noised that there is a regiment to come into those parts, it is desired that it may be that of the Duke of Buckingham. If sent thither, there will be a choice of men without any press; and if the Duke pleases, Sir John will advise with the Dep. Lieuts. where the regiment may be lodged.

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Jan. 13. Haverfordwest. 50. Dep. Lieuts. of Pembrokeshire to the Council. On Dec. 30, the Zouch Phœnix, of London, arrived in Milford Haven, having on board two companies of soldiers employed in this last action. The ship being leaky and the soldiers sick, the men were landed, and ultimately billeted at Pembroke and Haverfordwest. To defray the charges the Dep. Lieuts. have borrowed money which they pray may be allowed out of the subsidy money. Complain of being interrupted in the performance of the public service by Sir Thomas Canon, lately knighted.

[Jan. 13?] 51. Captains of the castles and forts belonging to the Cinque Ports to Buckingham. Pray that he would procure a new Privy Seal for the payment of their salaries, the one formerly granted having expired on the death of the late King.

Jan. 13. Compton. 52. John Verney to Nicholas. Acknowledges his letter announcing the death of a friend unnamed [Samuel Hopton?]. Thanks for his care in the burial of the deceased. Begs him to have special care of the accompts relating to his Majesty and the Duke; and promises to attend him on Tuesday or Wednesday next, at the Middle Temple.

Jan. 13. 53. Certificate of the charge of the navy for the present year: ordinary charges, 21,621*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*; extraordinary, 7,137*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*

[Jan. 13?] 54. Notice by Henry Billingsley that Edward Quarles, who had for many years served in the office of post under the Company of Merchant Adventurers, having lately died, Charles Lord Stanhope had appointed the said Henry Billingsley to convey letters between the city of London and foreign parts, whereupon the said Henry Billingsley had appointed a place for receiving letters "behind the Exchange, at one Widow Bayneham's, at the sign of the George, a little beyond the Antwerp Tavern, on the other side of the way;" and on the Saturday then next, after midnight, he purposed to send away a post for Flushing, Holland, and the Hanse Towns, and so from time to time every Saturday; and thereafter, if God spared life and health, to other places.

Jan. 14. Westminster. 55. The King to the Council. Considering the importance of the Trained Bands, the King had formerly recommended to the Lord Lieuts. the putting in execution the rules sent down to them in printed books. He has now caused a certain number of experienced soldiers to be sent from the Low Countries hither to teach the Captains and other officers the true modern use of arms and order of soldiers. The Council are to distribute these soldiers among the several counties, and by letters to the Lord Lieutenants are to require them to see that they be presently put in employment, so that the best use be made of the three months, which is the longest time they can be spared to remain here. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Proclamation for restraint of killing, dressing, and eating of flesh in Lent, or on fish days. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 38.]

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Jan. 14. Whitehall. 56. Order of Council made on hearing the cause between Matthew de Quester, Postmaster for foreign letters, and Henry Billingsley, who claims to be appointed by Lord Stanhope, Postmaster General, to convey foreign letters to and from London. Billingsley is not to meddle in any sort with the conveyance of letters until the cause be determined by law. [*Printed.*]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Another copy of the same. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 38 *A.*]

Jan. 14. 57. Capt. Edward Cheke to Sec. Conway. Having received order from the Duke for present employment, he intimates that he is disabled by sickness since he came home, and entreats Lord Conway to prefer his son in his place.

Jan. 14. Dover Castle. 58. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The people of Dover are all sorry for what they have done. Hears there was the same thing at Hythe. It was all owing to the want of the Duke's letters. There would be an Admiral's Court held at Dover on Tuesday next, where they should cast many goods. His Grace might send appraisers, or leave it to Hippisley to make the most money and the soonest. The goods at Portsmouth should be sent to Dover; if condemned at the former place, the Duke would only get his tenth, if at the latter, the whole. Hears that all our merchants' goods are stayed in France. Will he have certain French goods stayed at Dover?

Jan. 14. 59. Commissioners of the Navy to the Council. Having been commanded to certify their opinions concerning the danger of the Dunkirkers surprising the ships trading with Newcastle, the means which should be taken to secure the same, and what might be laid upon the coals towards the charge thereof. They have conferred with the officers of the Trinity House, who are of opinion that two of the King's ships of 500 or 600 tons, and 10 Newcastle ships of 350 or 400 tons, each of the latter carrying 14 guns and 60 men, would be sufficient as a convoy, the expense being, for the King's ships for 8 months, the trade ceasing in the winter, 8,000*l.*, and for the others 15,200*l.* The way of raising this amount should be considered in Parliament. There are 300 sail employed in the Newcastle trade, and 152,560 chaldrons were shipped in the year 1624. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 14. Dover Castle. 60. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The people at Hythe are sorrowful men on account of their election, and have written to point out how Mr. Chancellor [of the Exchequer] may have a place. Hippisley had received a note of the rates set upon goods in London, therefore appraisers need not be sent to Dover. Sir Edwin Sandys has lost his election for the County of Kent. *Incloses,*

60. I. *Corporation of Hythe to Buckingham. They had elected Sir Peter Heyman and Basil Dixwell before the Duke's letters came to hand recommending Sir Richard Weston, whom they would otherwise willingly have returned.* 1626, *Jan.* 13.

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Jan. 14. Dover Castle. 61. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Mr. Manning stood for Dover, but Mr. Prinsell carried it. Recommends John Hopkins to be appointed a gunner in place of Mr. Rooles deceased; wishes an order to swear him in, and also Roger Chesterman.

Jan. 14. 62. Examination of Hans Becker, owner and master of the King David, of Hamburgh, stayed at Plymouth, concerning the lading of that ship, taken before Sir James Bagg. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 14. Haroldstone. 63. Sir James Perrott, Vice Admiral of Pembrokeshire, to Sec. Conway. Soliciting his favour with reference to the points on which he and other Dep. Lieuts. had written to the Council, [1626, *Jan.* 13.] Amongst other misbehaviour of Sir Thos. Canon, he had intercepted the writ for electing a burgess for Haverfordwest, and concealed the same from the Sheriff. *Incloses,*

63. 1. *Thos. Philpot, Captain of the King's ship in Milford Haven, to Sir James Perrott. Setting forth their necessities and difficulties. Their carpenters unable from sickness to repair the ship; they have not sound men enough to man their long boat. They are about to exchange ling for butter and cheese; they have* 300 *cod fish, but so corrupt that the savour is contagion. Their men decline from want of clothing as well as of wholesome diet. Jan.* 13, 1626.

Jan. 14. London. 64. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Learns from his brother that the principal things necessary for the advancement of the business of the jewels are;—1, a letter from the King that he approves and will approve of the orders given by the Duke; and, 2, a letter from Lord Conway to Sackville Crow and Philip Calandrini, that out of the money advanced they may pay the entertainment of the four regiments for three months. [*French.*]

Jan. 15. Merson. 65. Capt. Edward Cheke to Nicholas. By the Duke's command had made repair aboard his ship. Found it under survey by Commissioners. Fears they may report it not fit for present service. Being disabled by sickness, entreats that his son may be appointed in his stead.

Jan. 15. 66. William Wither to Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. of Hants. Promises that at all times of musters he will be ready to show one light horse with his rider completely armed.

Jan. 15. 67. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. Communicates information received as to the officers and men of his fleet quitting their ships at Christmas time, [*see Jan.* 13, 1626,] and calls upon him presently to repair on board his own ship, and to charge the officers of all the ships composing his fleet not to depart from their ships without order. His fleet is also to ply up and down in order to meet with Hamburghers conveying munition to Spain, and to intercept and take ships of Dunkirk, Ostend, or elsewhere in the King of Spain's dominions. [*Copy.*]

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Jan. 16. 68. Sir John Eliot to his Agent in London. Sir Richard Edgecombe being dead, Sir John has written to James Eliot to solicit the Lord Chamberlain for the offices thereby become vacant. The agent is to urge on Mr. Eliot, and to tell him that if any money be expected by those who are about the Lord Chamberlain, Sir John would not spare for 20*l.* or 40*l.*, although he would not be seen in it himself, and that he would bestow upon Mr. Eliot as good a gelding as ever he owned. If Mr. Eliot be absent, the agent is to solicit one of the Lord Chamberlain's secretaries, and to make them promises, but to carry the matter as a motion of his own. [*Abstract in the handwriting of a clerk of Sec. Conway, the original being stated in the endorsement, to have been "found in Sir John Eliot's chamber," probably when it was searched in May* 1626.]

Jan. 16. 69. The same to the same. Recalling the directions given in the preceding letter, Sir Richard Edgecombe not being yet dead. [*Similar abstract, written on the same paper as the above.*]

[Jan. 16.] 70. The same to the same. Instructions how to conduct himself in learning news, and in transmitting the same to Sir John. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

Jan. 16. 71. Notarial certificate that Walter Wandelman and Michael Castell, having seen a notice set up on the Exchange that certain goods would be sold, produced to the Commissioners a certificate that the same goods had been duly claimed by Netherland merchants, but that the said Commissioners refused to stay the sale without order from further power.

Jan. 16. Ludlow Castle. 72. Wm. Earl of Northampton to the Council. The existence of the doubt alluded to in the Earl's letter of the 11th inst., as to whether he had authority to require certificates for the loan from the March shires, is confirmed by a letter inclosed; nevertheless he sends the best certificates he can frame for Radnor, Hereford, and Worcestershires. *Incloses,*

72. 1. *Dep. Lieuts. of co. Hereford to Wm. Earl of Northampton. Acknowledge the receipt of his letter calling for a certificate of persons able to lend money to the King. On consideration of the King's letter, they conceive that he gave no directions to call for certificates except from the counties in Wales. Jan.* 10, 1626.

Jan. 16. Whitehall. 73. [Sec. Conway to the Lord Mayor of London]. In behalf of Capt. Hill, a candidate for some office in the City. How faithfully he had employed himself during the late infection.

Jan 16. Eccleshall Castle. 74. Thos. Morton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to the Council. Had searched the Earl of Shrewsbury's house, called Pepperhill, but found therein nothing but *vacuum*, not only of armour, but almost of all furniture necessary for such an house.

Jan. 17 Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mr. Carleton. Giving an account of what had been done with the Dutch Ambassador and otherwise, concerning the jewels. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

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Jan. 17. Whitehall. Proclamation to declare his Majesty's pleasure touching his Royal coronation, to be celebrated on the 2d February next. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 39.]

Jan. 17. Plymouth. 75. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Got to Plymouth on Thursday [12th.] Was with Mons. Soubise on Wednesday, and made known the order to supply his ships for the transportation of corn to Rochelle. Has 23 sail, but most of them poor, miserable, rotten things; the men in number 1,263, but they had neither bread nor drink when Pennington came down. Is occupied removing provisions, sending away the unserviceable ships, and selecting those which will do the King best service. Yesterday, there came in from St. Lucar, the St. Peter of Calais, of which he made stay. Sends examinations from which it will appear that she is lawful prize. Minutely details his proceedings respecting her in connection with Sir James Bagg, who is wondrous industrious and willing. More money must be sent down; also a ship with cordage, anchors, and sails, and a strict command for a press, for the greatest part of the seamen are sick and dead. *Incloses,*

75. I. *Particular of the ships and men of Mons. Soubise.*

75. II. *Examination of Thomas Williams, gunner of the St. Peter, of Calais.* [*Copy.*]

75. III. *Another copy of the same examination, with an additional paragraph as to money thought to be concealed in the Captain's cabin.*

75. IV. *Examination of Christopher Trewine.* [*Copy.*]

75. V. *Another copy of the same.*

75. VI. *Examination of Garret Dubbler, master of the St. Peter, of Calais.* [*Copy.*]

Jan. 17. Plymouth. 76. The same to Nicholas. Recapitulates the information as to his proceedings contained in the preceding letter. This is the third troublesome mission he has had within this twelvemonth. Thought the rest very bad, but they came not near this, for he is sent with a company of unwilling and unreasonable men. There is a miserable infection amongst them, and they die very fast. Refers him to the preceding letter for particulars as to the St. Peter, which will prove a very good purchase.

Jan. 17. London. 77. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Recommends Baldassar Mendez, who has a request to urge, which is worthy of compassion. [*French.*]

Jan. 18. 78. Petition of John Parkhurst to [Buckingham] for a pass to enable him to transport certain goods from Hamburgh into England, to enable him to pay his debts.

Jan. 18. Plymouth. 79. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Buckingham. Recommends Sir Thomas Piggott for a company now vacant in Sir Wm's regiment.

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Jan. 18. Plymouth. 80. Sir Wm. St. Leger to the Duke of Buckingham. Had received orders from the Council to reduce the number of Colonels, Lieut. Colonels, and all other inferior public officers, and had done so, but the order is full of inconvenience to his Majesty's service. Better disperse all the rest and retain these. When the States wished to reduce their armies, the late Prince of Orange advised them to keep together their prime officers whatsoever they did. Bodies of men may be got in all corners of the kingdom, but the officers being lost are hardly to be regained; and these men sent home with their fortunes in a worse condition than they were will not venture a second time. The whole army must be put upon another footing. The pay of the Captains must be increased to a competency. Is of no use where he is, and entreats he may be recalled.

Jan. 18. 81. Notes of proceedings at a Committee of Trade on a petition from the principal merchants to the King concerning the law of statute merchant, and the assignment of mercantile debts: also with reference to the prohibition of trade with Spain.

Jan. 18. 82. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The Nonsuch, by the book of rates, is allowed 200 men on home service, in time of peace, and 250 on foreign service.

Jan. 18. 83. Particular of prize goods sold this day; with names of purchasers and prices.

Jan. 19. London. 84. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton. No pleasure in going abroad to see the decay and desolation of the town. Coronation holds for Candlemas Day. The Dean of Westminster [Williams] ordered to appoint the Bishop of St. David's [Laud] as his deputy. The Queen's Bishop claimed to have the crowning of her, but the Archbp. of Canterbury would not permit it. The Queen has been publicly through the town in a rich embroidered *carosse*, to a banquet at the Tower. The King is to go into Scotland to be crowned. The blame of the late failure is laid by some on the Council, by others on General "Sit still" (as they style him), but by most on his Grace, and by him on Sir Thos. Love. Proclamation against recusants in anticipation of the Parliament, which is to begin on Feb. 6. Sir Edward Coke and other sheriffs returned, but the King will not allow them to quit their counties. Changes at Court.

[Jan. 19.] 85. Warrant to the officers of the Signet for issuing letters missive to certain of the nobility to give attendance at the coronation. [*Copy.*]

[Jan. 19.] Form of letter to be sent to the nobility in pursuance of the previous warrant. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

Jan. 19. Westminster. 86. The King to Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal. Commands him to make his personal attendance at the Coronation, furnished and appointed as to his rank and quality appertain. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 19. 87. Another copy of the same letter.

Jan. 19. Westminster. 88. The King to George Duke of Buckingham, High Admiral. Similar letter to the above.

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Jan. 19. Westminster. 89. The King to Katherine Duchess of Buckingham. Letter similar to the preceding.

Jan. 19. Westminster. 90. The King to Mary Countess of Buckingham. Similar letter.

Jan. 19. Westminster. 91. The King to Edward Lord Conway. Similar letter.

[Jan. 19.] 92. The King to Thos. Lord Wotton. Similar letter prepared for signature, but never signed.

[Jan. 19.] 93. The King to Lady Wotton. Similar to the one immediately preceding.

Jan. 19. London. 94. Richard Daye to Sec. Conway. Proposal for sowing Windsor forest with acorns, being a copy of his former letter on that subject. [*See Vol.* xii., *No.* 98]. *Appended,*

94. 1. *Copy of his petition to the late King, with an enforcement from Bodin.*

[Jan. 19.] 95. Commissioners of the Navy to [Nicholas]. Sending report of shipwrights as to the damage done to the Adventure in the storm which happened during the service of transporting the Duke of Buckingham to the Low Countries.

Jan. 20. Lees. 96. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Coke. Continual tidings of insolencies committed by the Dunkirkers on the coast of Harwich and thereabouts, as appears by the inclosed letter from Sir Harbottle Grimstone [Sir Henry Glemham?]. Wishes it to be considered whether some order should not be taken for muskets, and aid for the defence of those parts. The country thereabouts begins to be as clamorous as hitherto they have been fearful. *Incloses,*

96. 1. *Sir Henry Glemham to Mr. Scott, Secretary to the Earl of Warwick. Yesterday several Dunkirkers took a Flemish pink at Orfordness, and an English ship within a mile of Aldborough, and drove another to run herself ashore. The Dunkirkers shot a piece of ordnance towards the people on the shore. Fears least they should attack Landguard Fort. Harwich is in great danger.* 1626, *Jan.* 19.

Jan. 20. New Romney. 97. The Mayor and Commonalty of New Romney to Buckingham. Before the receipt of his Grace's letter they had elected Richard Godfrey and Capt. Thos. Brett, as their burgesses for the next Parliament.

Jan. 20. 98. Petition of "the Common Merchants of the United Provinces" to "the right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." Having sent out their ships to traffic in neutral countries, they had been seized on the English coasts, the goods they contained had been brought to the Tower, and the shipmen put in prison, as if the goods belonged to the subjects of Spain, contrary to the old alliance between Great Britain and the States. Pray the Duke to give gracious audience to their deputies, and that they may have restitution of their ships and goods.

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Jan. 20. Plymouth. 99. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. 4,280*l.* all that has yet been received out of 5,000*l.*; the troops suffer severely in consequence. Nothing heard of the 6,000*l.* towards apparel. Many soldiers forced to keep their beds for want of clothes; and the Commissioners unable to fulfil the agreements they have entered into with merchants who have contracted to supply the clothes. No news of the troops in Ireland. If they are stayed in that country, the soldiers who have landed here may all be continued in Devon and Cornwall, but if they are drawn out of the villages into towns and garrisons where they are to provide themselves, they must be paid weekly in advance, according to the ancient course. Common clamour of the country as to the smallness of the soldier's pay; but as the Council think it fit to continue on the ancient footing, the Commissioners submit. The officers, except the provosts and surgeons, have been sent up to attend the Council for further directions. *Inclose,*

99. I. *Agreement between the Commissioners and Daniel Condy for making* 200 *suits of apparel.* 1626, *Jan.* 19.

Jan. 20. Plymouth. 100. Minute of the contents of the above letter. *Inclosed,*

100. I. *Copy of agreement between the Commissioners and Daniel Condy.*

Jan. 20. Londesborough. 101. Henry Lord Clifford to the Council. His father and himself having been blamed by the Council for their slackness in the business of the Privy Seals, he refers to his letter to the Council of Sept. 13, and to that to Lord Conway of Nov. 18, to which he has received no reply. Protests his diligence in the service of the King, and desires them to free him from the imputation of having been guilty of so silly and unmannerly a thing as deferring to answer so special directions.

Jan. 20. Londesborough. 102. The same to Sec. Conway. On the same subject. Reminds him that in his last letter, sent by Mr. Ogle, he earnestly demanded further instructions. If he had not a rooted opinion of his Lordship's favour and affection he should interpret this last letter as a great injury.

Jan. 20. East Retford. 103. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Nottingham to the Council. Send a certificate of the arms taken from recusants in that county.

Jan. 20. Westminster. 104. The King to John Earl of Bristol [called in the MS. "the Lo. Digby"]. His Majesty wonders that the Earl should make a request to him of favour, when he knows what his behaviour in Spain deserved. At his Majesty's coming into that country, the Earl surmising that it was the King's intention to change his religion, offered his service to concur therein, and pointed out how convenient it was for the King to be a Roman Catholic. He did much wrong also to his Majesty's brother and sister, over-estimated the importance of Spain, depreciated this kingdom, and approved the proposal that the King's nephew should be brought up in the Court of the Emperor. [*Copy.*]

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Jan. 20. Westminster. 105. Another copy of the preceding letter. [Misdated "20th Febr. in the first yeare of o^r raigne."]

Jan. 20. 106. Another copy, rightly dated.

Jan. 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. To advise, and give order, by the best means, for staying the execution of two priests in York jail. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

[Jan. 20 ?] 107. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be submitted to the Duke of Buckingham, including the letter of Sir John Prewde [*See Vol.* xviii. *No.* 49]; that of the Captains and soldiers of the castles of the Cinque Ports [*See ibid., No.* 51]; appointments of Capts. Anthony Tutchin and Richard Harris as two of the four Masters Assistant of the Navy; and of Mr. Turner as Collector of the Duke's tenths in the port of London and elsewhere; with an application of Capt. Wilbraham to have warrant for the sole conveying of troops into the Low Countries, and to that end that he with the Nonsuch may remain in the Narrow Seas.

[Jan. 20.] 108. Minute of three petitions to the King. 1. From English merchants who desire to be discharged from bonds given during the last reign for a duty on hops, afterwards remitted. 2. For a pardon for Cardeus, a Dutchman, for manslaughter. 3. For a renewed lease to Mr. Meredith from the Cathedral of Leighlin.

Jan. 20. Dorset Court. 109. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. His Majesty's pleasure touching the priests at York should be signified to the Justices before whom they are to be tried, that, if condemned, they are to be reprieved until further direction; and this may be done by royal warrant or by letter from the Secretary. The document should apply only to those two persons, because, although his Majesty mean not to fall into blood, yet if they are delivered from the fear of blood, they will never go out of the land. *Incloses,*

109. 1. *Form of royal warrant applicable to this case.*

Jan. 20. Wentworth. 110. Sir Thos. Wentworth to Sec. Conway. There being a strong and general belief that Lord Scrope purposes to leave the Presidentship of York, many of Wentworth's friends have moved him to use means to procure the office. He has never thought of it unless it may be effected with the good liking of Lord Scrope, and will not move further in it until he knows how his suit may please the Duke of Buckingham. He is fully resolved not to ascend one step in this kind unless he may take along with him a special obligation to the Duke, from whose bounty he acknowledges much already, and still reposes under the shadow of his favour. Subscribes himself, Conway's humble and affectionate kinsman.

Jan. 20. 111. Examination of Troilus Lovell before the Archbishop of Canterbury:—In September last was twelvemonth he went out of Ireland with Capt. Wye, on an adventure for pilchards; went to Rome, and there received a pass from the rector of the English College, but affirmed himself to be now a protestant, and in testimony thereof took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

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Jan. 21. 1. Bond of Troilus Lovell of Glanfield Wotton, co. Dorset, for 100*l.*, conditioned to appear before the Council, at the house of Dr. Ryves, his Majesty's Advocate, within 30 days after warning.

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. For preparing warrants for receiving and issuing such monies as shall be raised by the prizes. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

Jan. 21. The same to the same. To prepare two pardons one for Cardeus, a prisoner at Plymouth, and the other for Heren, a prisoner at Rochester, for killing two men. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Jan. 21. The Savoy. 2. George Lord Carew, Master General of the Ordnance, to Sec. Coke. Sends his opinion on certain suggestions of the Earl of Warwick, respecting the immediate fortification of Harwich, referred to Lord Carew by the Council. As to sending brass ordnance until iron may be cast; in and since Queen Elizabeth's time it has been thought fit to furnish forts with iron ordnance and to reserve brass for the ships. As to exchanging demy cannons for culverins; he thinks whole culverins will do sufficient execution. Nevertheless, if in consideration of the present time, the Lords direct otherwise, he will willingly obey.

Jan. 21. Whitehall. 3. Form of letter sent by Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal, to each of several noblemen and gentlemen, to give attendance at Westminster, on the 30th inst., to receive the Knighthood of the Bath.

[Jan. 21.] 4. Warrant of the Earl Marshal, intimating that the King had appointed Thos. Caldwell, his Majesty's barber, to make provision of necessaries to be used at the ceremony of bathing the Knights of the Bath at the coronation, the number for whom provision is to be made being 80.

[Jan. 21.] 5. Notes by the Earl Marshal for regulating various matters connected with the ceremony of the coronation.

Jan. 21. 6. Memorandum by Sir George Holles, that the serjeants from the Low Countries, being in number 117, landed at Gravesend on the 7th inst., and that he had paid them for present relief 15*l.* 5*s.*

[Jan. 21.] 7. List of counties in England; with names of Lord Lieuts., and numbers of the Trained Bands, both horse and foot.

[Jan. 21.] 8. List of serjeants from the Low Countries, with names of their several regiments, and captains of the companies from which they had been derived.

[Jan. 21.] 9. Another list of the serjeants; with suggestions as to the counties in England to which they should be severally assigned.

[Jan. 21.] 10. Estimate of the sum to be paid the serjeants as expenses of travelling to their several destinations in England. [*Draft.*]

[Jan. 21.] 11. Fair copy of the preceding as ultimately settled. The serjeants were allowed 2*s.* 6*d.* per day for travelling expenses, and were to travel 16 miles per day; total 102*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

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[Jan. 21.] 12. List of shires in England, and names of serjeants to be sent into each. [*Incomplete.*]

Jan. 21. 13. Complete list of the same kind as the preceding.

Jan. 21. Tenby. 14. Sir Jas. Perrott to Sec. Conway. Refers to previous letters respecting the ship and soldiers at Milford Haven, and solicits favourable consideration. Complains that despatches of state come thither so slowly; the sheriff has just received three proclamations dated long since.

Jan. 21. Landends, near Hexham. 15. Wm. Carr to the same. His Lordship's letter for the delivery of Christopher Hogg to a messenger received that day. He was enlarged at Christmas sessions by order of the Bench.

Jan. 21. Plymouth. 16. Mayor of Plymouth to Sec. Conway. Recommends to his consideration the petition of "a distressed Portugal," who has lain in prison a long time at Plymouth. His ship and goods were seized by Sir James Bagg, and sent to London, so that the petitioner is utterly destitute. *Incloses,*

16. 1. *Petition of Paio Dreeges de Paz, Portuguese prisoner, to the Mayor of Plymouth. Has lived four days without any earthly sustenance; his case most miserable and contrary to the laws of God and nature; whilst his goods are detained, he is left to perish in a loathsome prison; has sold his clothes for food, and knows not what else to do.*

Jan. 21. Dover Castle. 17. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The greatest ship belonging to the Archduchess had been blown up "with a Hollander" in the road, and also another great ship laden with victuals. Sir John Suckling had been elected for Sandwich with great applause. Had been holding an Admiral's Court all that week, and may say boldly that he had made for the Duke 30,000*l.*, which he will proceed with all speed to make into ready money. Desires a warrant to put a ship of his to sea, and doubts not to give the Duke a good account of what she will do.

Jan. 22. Newark-upon-Trent. 18. Wm. Earl of Exeter to Sec. Conway. Begs a licence to be absent both from the coronation and the Parliament, having a grievous fit of the gout. This is not written to save charges. Before he attended the King into Kent, both he and his wife had all things ready, both for the entry and the coronation.

Jan. 22. Newark-upon-Trent. 19. The same to Buckingham. The Duke's honourable acceptance of the Earl's proxy in the last Parliament makes him the bolder humbly to present the same again, being grievously afflicted with the gout.

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Chief Justice Crewe. Concerning the reprieve of a prisoner. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

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Jan. 22. 20. Sir Henry Glemham to Thos. Earl of Suffolk. Gives him information of the captures made by a Dunkirker on the previous Wednesday at Orfordness, and Aldborough [*see* 1625, *Jan.* 20, *letter of Earl of Warwick and inclosure*]. The country in great fear of the enemy's landing. Has prepared the towns to be in a readiness, especially for guarding the fort erecting at Languard; but the country is so backward in furnishing themselves with arms, that unless an example be made of some few there is little hope. They say that the ancient laws for these things are repealed. He fears that the Lord Lieut's. patent gives the Dep. Lieuts. no power to imprison but only in time of war.

Jan. 22. Hodsock. 21. Sir Gervase Clifton to the Council. Reports his proceedings with reference to 45 Privy Seals sent to him as collector for the co. of Nottingham. He had received the amounts from 34 persons (500*l.*) Five (100*l.*) had been silent or denied, and six (90*l.*) had sent excuses. *Inclosed,*

21. I.—VI. *Six letters addressed to Sir Gervase Clifton by persons who had excused themselves from lending.*

21. VII. *List of the names of all persons to whom the Privy Seals were addressed, with the sums required of them.*

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Proclamation for a General Thanksgiving for stay of the late fearful visitation of the plague. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 40.]

Jan. 22. Pendennis Castle. 22. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Had stayed a Dutch East Indiaman under the authority of a letter from the Duke of Buckingham to Sir Robert Killigrew; there are 30 sail of Turks on the Spanish Coast, one of them (the Admiral) is sailing under his Majesty's flag, and threatens to visit Pendennis and Fowey, and so coast it along. Repeats his application for the command of the fort building at the latter place.

Jan. 22. 23. Order of Council made in the cause between the Company of Merchants Adventurers and Matthew de Quester, Postmaster of England for foreign services. Both parties are to attend the King's learned Council, who are to certify the true state of the cause. In the mean time, Mr. Billingsley is to forbear meddling with the conveyance of letters.

Jan. 22. Burghley. 24. George Fielding to Nicholas, as one of the executors of Samuel Hopton. Relative to 100*l.* of the Duke's money left in Hopton's hands.

Jan. 22. London. 25. Jo. Barnard to Sec. Conway. Claims some portion of the lading of the Orange Tree, stayed many months before at Weymouth, and solicits Conway's recommendation to Sir Henry Marten, that he may have a speedy trial. He is at present, the King's Sheriff, of Kingston-upon-Hull, and has been a great benefactor of the customs there for 20 years.

Jan. 22. 26. Receipt of Sir Allen Apsley for 1,500*l.*, paid to him, for preparing victuals for the navy, by Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household, by direction of the Duke of Buckingham.

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Jan. 23. Westminster. 27. Warrant for payment to Hugh Wood, one of the Pages of the Bed Chamber, of 30*l.*, for washing sheets for one year. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 23. 28. Capt. T. Best to Nicholas. Recommends Wm. Cock, who has made several voyages in the Mediterranean, and has been towards the sea for 8 or 10 years, as well fitted for Captain of one of his Majesty's ships.

Jan. 23. Aboard The Happy Entrance in the Downs. 29. Sir Henry Palmer to the same. Requests the Duke's warrant for payment of his entertainment from his coming into the Bonaventure, June 8 till Sept 9. Two Dunkirk sloops have come by close, within a week; to prevent them is impossible without small vessels.

June 23. 30. Petition of Robt. Watson, John Bee, and others, owners of the ship Barbara, to the King. Their ship seized by Mons. Soubise, and carried into Rochelle, where it was captured by a French Admiral and adjudged prize. They pray for a remedy by reprisal. The petition is referred to the Duke of Buckingham as Lord High Admiral.

Jan. 23. Yarmouth. 31. Petition of Thos. Reeve to the same. Sends a sermon preached by him before the choice of Parliament-men, desiring that they might be such as might be forward to yield help to the King's designs. Offers it for publication, or, if the King will signify his command by Jeffrey Neave, a quarter waiter, Reeve will come up and preach it before the Parliament-men.

Jan. 23. Paris. 32. Sir Dudley Carleton to Dr. Balcanquall. Sends him two pieces set forth by an assembly of the French Church on politico-theological subjects. If all Churches in Christendom had maintained the liberty of that of France, very few had been reformed; and if all which are reformed had followed the example of England, few or none had remained popish. Wishes his successor in Holland the four elements, the buildings and conversation of France, but not the superstition of its populace, the dirt of Paris, or the confusion of the Court. Contrasts the fortunes of Elizabeth of Bohemia with those of the Queen of France.

Jan. 23. Dover Castle. 33. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Recommends to his care Mr Brome's business which was to be heard in the Exchequer on the 30th. "One Sir Dearinge" has taken away a mast from the Duke's droit-gatherer at Hythe. Recommends that this should not be suffered, or other lords will do in the like kind. Mr. Prinsell, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Kemp, and Mr. Monings, likely to be chosen canopy-bearers for Dover. The last objected to as too low of stature, and as having been the cause of Sir Wm. Becher having lost his election. Sir John has now 30,000*l.* worth of goods of the Duke's in his hands. Wishes for a warrant for putting his ship the Have-at-all to sea. Begins the Musters to-day, and will then come to London.

[Jan. 24.] 34. Letters patent, whereby Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer Ley, Henry Viscount Mandeville, President of the Council, Edward Earl of Worcester, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Thos. Earl of

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Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal, Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain, James Earl of Carlisle, Edward Earl of Dorset, and Lord Chief Justice Crewe, were appointed Commissioners to hear and determine all claims to perform services at the ensuing coronation. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 24. 35. Another copy.

Jan. 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. Recommending the business referred to his Lordship by the King, between Sir John Borlase and Mr. King. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

Jan. 24. Haughton. 36. John Earl of Clare to his brother Sir Geo. Holles. Has just received the King's letter for his and his wife's attendance at the coronation. He is 110 miles from London, the ways are hardly passable. Even if they were ready on the morrow, and no family can be under two or three days in preparation, they could not perform the journey under five days, and should then only have 24 hours to fit themselves with robes. Begs him to represent these things to Buckingham and Conway, that they may satisfy the King respecting his enforced absence.

Jan. 24. 37. Commissioners for sale of prize goods to Buckingham. They had had one day's sale, which produced 7,000*l.*, by the candle. A second sale held that day had been altogether fruitless, because similar goods were selling at Dover at an under price. They recommend that all these goods should be brought to London for sale.

Jan. 24. 38. The Council to the Lord Lieutenants of the several counties. Requiring them to take effectual order that the King's commands, with reference to instructing and exercising the Trained Bands by men experienced in that service, be carefully executed. The necessity of this course is so obvious, that the Council assure themselves that no subject will account the small increase of charge any way considerable. [*Minute.*]

Jan. 24. Whitehall. 39. The Council to Buckingham. Letter in conformity with the above minute, addressed to the Duke as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. *Inclose,*

39. 1. *Copy of the letter from the King to the Council,* 1626, *Jan.* 14.

Jan. 24. Whitehall. 40. The same to Francis Earl of Cumberland, Henry Lord Clifford, and Theophilus Lord Howard of Walden, Lord Lieutenants of Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland. Similar letter.

Jan. 24. Hastings. 41. Mark Sargeant to Nicholas. Requests that he will procure him the Duke's warrant, establishing him in his office. Will be in London about Shrovetide, and will give him full satisfaction for his pains.

Jan. 25. Deptford. 42. Kenrick Edisbury to the same. Explains, in answer to an application, the history and succession of the officers termed Masters Attendant upon the Commissioners of the Navy. Thanks for procuring a carpenter's warrant: sends "the thankfulness," which the carpenter left with him.

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Jan. 25. Southampton. 43. Mayor of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Reports that 172 soldiers out of the Samuel, of London, part of the regiment of Col. Bruce, had been billeted in that town, and were now strong and able to do his Majesty's service. They should be apparelled as soon as possible, which would cost 40*s.* each soldier. Solicits directions as to apparelling two broken companies billeted at Fareham. Had received from the Collectors of the Privy Seals 1,000 marks, which would not long hold out, the weekly payment being 47*l.* Another Commissioner needed, the others dwelling at a distance. He had built a court of guard near the market-place, to keep the soldiers in practice and order.

Jan. 25. Dover Castle. 44. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. According to the Duke's command he had sent up Abraham Hugessen and Mr. Berry, but had stayed James Hugessen, who was so engaged in the business of the prize goods that he could not be spared. Sir John awaits the Duke's pleasure as to his coming to the coronation or the Parliament.

Jan. 25. Dover Castle. 45. The same to Nicholas. There had been a wreck at Seaford, but Lady Cotton and her son had taken all the goods. If this be suffered the ports will come to nothing. Cause why he has not sent up James Hugessen. The Lord Treasurer should remit the customs on the Duke's prize goods. Sir John has set Mr. Monings to his light horse again, which was struck out by Sir Henry Mainwaring; he will take it ill, but Sir John hopes Nicholas will give him no countenance.

Jan. 25. 46. Sir Robt. Karr to Sec. Conway. Sends him Capt. Walker, one who asserted that some whom he could name said that the King would not live to be crowned, and that he was married to the Infanta; with words concerning the late fleet.

Jan. 25. 47. Attorney General Heath to the same. The Archbishop of Canterbury had informed him that it was his Majesty's pleasure to renew the Ecclesiastical Commission, but the Archbishop being a principal Commissioner, it was not proper for him to signify the King's pleasure. He sends a warrant for the King's signature.

Jan. 26. 48. Sentence of Archbp. Abbot and others, Commissioners authorized under the Great Seal, in the cause between Samuel Widdowson and Thos. Goode, Vicar of Lowdham, Gunthorpe, and Cathorpe in co. Nottingham. They decree the deprivation and deposition of Thos. Goode for the offence of habitual drunkenness.

Jan. 26. Gray's Inn. 49. Francis Viscount St. Albans to Sec. Conway. Mr. Percy, his friend and late servant, has a suit to his Majesty for the making of a friend of his, a baronet: Lord St. Albans prays Lord Conway to commend his friend's petition to the King.

Jan. 26. 50. Petition of Wm. King and John Parkehurst to Buckingham, for a pass for a ship of Hamburgh, wherein they may fetch home certain merchandise from the Azores.

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Jan. 26. 51. Dep. Lieuts. of Wilts to the Council. Having been directed by the Council to take order to indemnify the collectors of the second subsidy granted in the 21st of King James, against payments made by such collectors to the soldiers of Count Mansfeldt; the Dep. Lieuts. entreat the Council that if it be their meaning they should levy the money upon the country, they should have an express warrant to do so, and not be left to their own construction as to whether by rules of equity the same may be levied contrary to the Act of Parliament.

Jan. 26. 52. Order of Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, in the suit respecting the St. Peter, of Havre de Grace. It being proved that the owners were French subjects, and that the lading did not contain certain alleged Spanish goods, it was ordered that the ship should be released from all further detention.

Jan. 26. 53. Estimate, in the handwriting of Capt. Richd. Gyffard, of the charge of 8 merchant ships and 4 tartanas, with 800 men, for 12 months: 10,943*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, [*Apparently with reference to some suggested expedition.*]

Jan. 26. Downs, from aboard The Happy Entrance. 54. Sir Hen. Palmer to [Buckingham]. Ships sent to the westward met with no other ships than eleven Holland men-of-war. He had put to sea, but was driven back by a great storm. The Earl of Warwick had requested him to send ships to Harwich; they sailed on Saturday last. Visit to the Downs of Dunkirk spies. Solicits instructions concerning the two "Danskers" stayed by him; their victual is spent.

Jan. 26. Dover. 55. Peter Cannon to Nicholas. Since his coming to Dover he had endeavoured to do the Duke good service [as Droit-gatherer], but was not encouraged by Sir John Hippisley, who supported one Peter Dibbs in his stead.

Jan. 26. 56. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. Term for which the King's ships are victualled expired on the 12th inst.; the Commissioners solicit an order to prepare an estimate for a month's supply. Other suggested arrangements for ships to serve under Capt. Pennington, and also for those needed for guarding the Thames. The Garland to have her ballast shifted; by long continuance it has infected the ship, and caused great mortality; no less than 20 men thrown overboard.

Jan. 26. 57. Bond of Nicholas Bacon, of Gray's Inn, Gent., in 200*l.*, conditioned for his appearance before the Secretaries of State within three days after warning left at his chambers.

Jan. 26. 58. Statement addressed to Nicholas respecting a suit instituted in the Exchequer by Jacob Brames against John Berry and Thos. Fulnetby, for a matter which was already in dispute between the same parties in the Chancery of the Cinque Ports. It is suggested that the Duke of Buckingham should take such order therein as was necessary for preserving the right of his Chancery of the Cinque Ports.

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Jan. 26. Westminster. 59. The King to Thos. Earl of Suffolk. The Lords and Commons in Parliament having petitioned his Majesty that the ancient discipline of the two Universities, which has much declined in these latter days, might be restored, the Earl as Chancellor of Cambridge is directed to write to the Vice-Chancellor and heads of Colleges to consider what are the true occasions of this general offence taken at their government, and what are fit to be the remedies thereof, whereunto the King will put to his hand if there be cause. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 27. Beaumaris. 60. Dep. Lieuts. of Anglesea to Wm. Earl of Northampton. Their island lies subject to the spoil of shipping bound for Ireland. It has of late been much depopulated by sickness and extreme poverty, so that last harvest great store of corn perished for want of men to bring it in. The fortifications which existed in 1588 are decayed and levelled with the ground. They desire permission to renew the same; with liberty to remove the ordnance from the castle of Beaumaris to places where it may be more useful.

Jan. 27. Westminster. 61. Order of Council, on the suggestion of the Lord High Admiral, that his Majesty be moved to increase the medium of allowance for every sailor serving the King from 14*s.* to 20*s.* per month, allowing thereout 4*d.* to a preacher, 2*d.* to a baker [barber?], and 6*d.* a month to the chest; also that there be allowed a bounty of 5*s.* per ton to shipbuilders on every ship built of above 100 tons.

Jan. 27. 62. Memorandum for the Duke of Buckingham to move his Majesty for the increase of pay to sailors mentioned in the last article.

Jan. 27. 63. Memorial of George Lord Carew, Master General of the Ordnance, to the Council. The Lord Treasurer had agreed with Burlamachi for 100 lasts of powder from Amsterdam and Hamburgh, and with Mr. Evelyn for 20 lasts monthly, but it is suggested that the shires and maritime towns should be warned to make provision for themselves without depending upon the King's stores, and that liberty should be given to manufacture gunpowder for home consumption from foreign saltpetre.

Jan. 27. Kinsale. 64. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Since their arrival they have had great mortality both of sea and landmen; the soldiers are billeted ashore. Order given to the Rainbow and various other ships, which they had made as able as they could, to proceed to England with the first fair wind. The Reformation has lost all her masts and cannot depart until masts and rigging come from England. A Dutch East Indiaman of 1,000 tons has come into Kinsale dismasted. Sir George Chudleigh has made stay of a bark from Bilboa, having on board six Jesuits with divers letters. They have also stayed a ship from Lisbon, with a cargo of tobacco and sugar, and "a small bunch of diamonds." The two stayed ships are ordered for England.

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Jan. 28. Plymouth. 65. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Had made choice of 16 ships in those parts, which, with the 14 coming from London would make up 30, the number for which he had commission. The great wants of the fleet, with suggestions for their supply. The masters of the merchant ships most unwilling to serve. The master of the Swiftsure very backward, and "very cross," as the report goes, to his Captain Sir Samuel Argoll, which broke his heart, and four days since he died. Interview with Mons. Soubise, and final arrangements for the despatch of his ships. Several ships had been stayed as prizes, and handed over to Sir James Bagg. Warrants should be sent to the Dep. Lieuts. in those parts to press 1,400 or 1,500 seamen, for all the best men have run up into the country. Requests 200*l.* on account to enable him to furnish himself for so long a voyage. Also desires to have his commission, and that it may be made so large that he may be able to govern these disordered people. *Incloses,*

65. I. *Names of the* 30 *ships he has chosen, with their Captains.*

Jan. 28. Plymouth. 66. Sir Wm. St. Leger to [Sec. Conway]. The charge of keeping these men were better spared than spent, if the present course be allowed to continue. The men live at more ease than if they were at home, but they will never be of use as soldiers unless paid beforehand, whereby the men will learn to live on their means, the Captains will be enabled to redeem their arms that now lie in pawn for the repairing, and the soldiers may be clothed that now lie abed for want of covering. Difficulty of getting the contracts for clothing executed in that country, and unwillingness of the Commissioners to deprive the country of advantage by reporting the fact. The increase of the soldiers weekly lendings to 3*s.* has benefitted the country, but not the soldiers. Begs for a payment to himself, having hitherto lived on his own poor fortune, and that he may have some authority above that of the town clerk.

Jan. 28. Bishopsthorpe. 67. Tobias Matthew, Archbishop of York, to Sec. Conway. Desires that he may be excused attendance at the Parliament on account of great infirmity and weakness of body.

Jan. 28. Compton. 68. Wm. Earl of Northampton to the Council. Sends certificates for Privy Seals for the Counties of Gloucester, Denbigh, Carmarthen, Brecknock, Merioneth, and Cardigan, no small task, having had so little assistance.

Jan. 28. Bridport. 69. Bailiffs and 12 inhabitants of Bridport to Buckingham. They had returned to Parliament Sir Richd. Strode, whom the Duke had recommended to them, and would have returned Mr. Clarke, but two days before the receipt of the Duke's letter they passed their promise to Sir Lewis Dive.

Jan. 28. 70. Sir Geo. More, one of the collectors of the loans on Privy Seals for co. Surrey, to the Council. Sends a list of persons (26) who made excuse or delay in paying the sums required of them. Has paid in the money received. The Privy Seals unpaid amount to 600*l.* *Incloses,*

70. I. *The list before mentioned.*

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Jan. 28. Londesborough. 71. Henry Lord Clifford to Sec. Conway. Has received letters out of Northumberland with a long roll of strange disorders committed there. If he will send down a Commission of Inquiry, his Majesty will see how far the papists and the thieves have gotten the upper hand.

Jan. 28. 72. Minute of a communication from the owners of the merchant ships lent to the French [to Sec. Conway]. On the contract made at Dieppe, security was to have been given to these owners within 15 days after the delivery of the ships. This has not been given, nor any satisfaction for the monthly pay, likewise specified in the contract. Burlamachi offers, that if the owners will authorize a party to be named by him to receive the money in France, he will pay the same here in London at certain periods. Desire to know if they may accept Burlamachi's offer.

Jan. 28. Buckingham to Sir Henry Palmer. There is daily advertisement of English and Scottish ships taken by the enemy between Yarmouth and the Downs; and complaint is made that, notwithstanding Buckingham's many directions, no diligence is used in this service. Once more Sir Henry is required, presently to command to sea so many ships as may chase away or apprehend such ships as make spoil of the King's subjects. He is to send up the names of any Captains whom he finds careless or negligent. [*Copy. See Vol.* xviii. *No.* 67.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To renew the Commission for the reprieve and employment of convicted prisoners. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 243.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. The same to Henry Lord Clifford. Giving him an account of the reasons of such omissions as his Lordship conceived were made to him, by the not answering of his letters concerning Privy Seals. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Jan. 29. Hinton. 73. John Poulett to Sec. Conway. Yesterday, in the evening, he received letters from Lord Arundel, giving him notice that the King had nominated him amongst others to receive the Knighthood of the Bath at the coronation, and for that cause requiring him to be at Court, furnished and appointed, on the 30th inst. His house being distant 120 miles, it is impossible for him to be there at the time appointed. Takes singular comfort to find himself in his Majesty's memory.

Jan. 29. 74. Certificate of John Royston, Curate of St. Andrews, Holborn, under the Rev. John Hackett, Rector, that Stephen Birkbeck, [Birthbeck], late attendant on the Spanish and French Ambassadors, had been reclaimed from the Roman Catholic religion.

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Jan. 29. The Downs. 75. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Perceived that the Duke had received information of much neglect in that service. Beseeches him to consider what could be done. Has in charge 12 ships; 4 are at Harwich, with instructions to scour the coast between that place and Yarmouth; 3 are ordered to the westward; 1 is gone to Flushing; 2 are employed to convoy the ships laden with deer and horses to Dieppe. The Hollanders have been little out of the Downs. Having had the happiness to become "his Grace's," Sir Hen. hopes he shall be favoured until he is found faulty.

Jan. 29. The Downs. 76. The same to Sec. Conway. Perceives that he has some back friends. Repeats the information in the preceding letter respecting the disposition of his fleet.

Jan. 29. Dover. 77. Daniel Urrye to Sir Henry Palmer. Thinks long to hear from him what shall become of the [St.] Peter. Sir Henry being in London, Urrye hopes he will procure order for her being fitted for sea. Sends account of what ordnance she will want.

Jan. 29. 78. Petition of the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House to Buckingham. The cause of the great abuses amongst the seamen of the navy is the smallness of their pay. The Duke is solicited, either by his Majesty's pleasure or by a bill in Parliament, to procure them such fair pay that they make a poor living of it.

Jan. 29. Whitehall. 79. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. There are under his charge at least 12 merchant and prize ships; he is to send three parts abroad to range the sea, to meet with Dunkirkers, or to intercept Hamburghers carrying prohibited provisions to the enemy. As before directed, he is to search the two Dunkirkers he had stayed, and if they contain prohibited goods, to send them to London; if not, to release them. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 30. Westminster. 80. Letters patent, whereby Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal, and Wm. Earl of Pembroke, were appointed Commissioners for making Knights of the Bath previous to the coronation. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 30. Lincoln. 81. Dean and Chancellor of Lincoln to Sir John Lambe, Commissary of their Peculiars, within the Counties of Northampton, Rutland, Leicester, and Huntingdon. Send him copy of a letter received from the Bishop of Lincoln, enjoining upon them the performance of the requirements contained in a letter addressed to the Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury; such last-mentioned letter containing a copy of a letter from the King to the Archbishop, in which he charges him to execute the laws against popish recusants. Sir John is required to put the said letters in due execution within the peculiar jursidiction in his charge.

Jan. 30. Dover Castle. 82. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Letter sent by Mr. Van Hobrooke does not seem to have been delivered. It principally related to his helping Benson to resign his present place. News of ships stayed at Dover, and questions as to the ownership of their cargoes.

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[Jan. 30.] [The King to Attorney General Heath.] Roger North and Robert Harcourt having discovered means to take journies into the river of the Amazons in America, the Attorney General is to prepare a bill for the King's signature, certifying a grant of incorporation of the said two persons and their company with all customary privileges. The limits within which they were to traffic are set forth. [*Draft, in the handwriting of Nicholas, written on the blank page of the preceding letter.*]

Jan. 30. 83. List of ships taken up for his Majesty's service.

Jan. 30. 84. Survey of victuals on board the Adventure, taken by Mr. Duffell and Mr. Terne.

Jan. 30. Chatham Dock. 85. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Henry Hubbard, Thomas Corrall, and John White, boatswains, for promotion. Does not desire that any whom he recommends should not be as beneficial and thankful to him as any other.

Jan. 30. Dover. 86. Peter Cannon to Buckingham. Complains of the interference with his office of Peter Dibbs, formerly deputy to Fulnetby. The St. Clare, a Dunkirker, on the Goodwins last year, but seized by the Hollanders as a prize, having come into Dover Harbour, Cannon claimed her best anchor and cable as a forfeiture to the Duke for coming aground. The Captain contested the right, but ultimately gave bond for the value. Cannon submits that the Duke is also entitled to the ship as a drift.

Jan. 30. Whitehall. 87. Sec. Coke to Captain John Pennington. So much corn and other provisions must be bought in the markets there, as, upon conference with Mons. Soubise, shall be found necessary for the relief of the town [Rochelle]. As these cannot without great hazard be put into the town by Mons. Soubise alone, Pennington's whole fleet is to be made ready to convoy them, and he is to be sure to fit himself so that he may be able to encounter the French. Advice as to his selection of ships and preparation of victuals. He should treat the Commissioners with due respect, and endeavour to concur with them in advancing the service. Care to be taken as to powder and other munition. Authority to press he has already; monies and instructions will be sent by the Duke. When he takes prizes he should seize the bills of lading; he should have done so with the St. Peter.

Jan. 31. Plymouth. 88. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The letters of the Lords directing them to send certain regiments to other places according to a list said to be inclosed, arrived without any list inclosed, therefore they cannot give satisfaction therein. The troops cannot be drawn together for want of clothing. Their weekly payment is 600*l.*, 12,000*l.* is wanted for 4,000 suits of clothes, and they have been there six weeks, so that 15,600*l.* is the amount required.

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Jan. 31. 89. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. Have received a charge, preferred by the master and company of the Sapphire, of London, against John Bond, their captain, in which many abuses and misdemeanours are attributed to him. The Commissioners entreat that the captain may be sent for, and the charges be investigated.

Jan. 31. The Downs. 90. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. If it were as much in his power as in his will to prevent the spoils committed by the Dunkirkers, they should not molest his Grace. In proof that he has endeavoured to incite the ships of his fleet to diligence, he sends his last instructions. The ships were shortly provided with necessaries, especially Capt. Driver's ship, the John Bonaventure, although he had given the Commissioners notice. The Duke's commission to press much slighted; of thirty pressed only seven appeared. *Incloses,*

90. I. *Instructions given by Sir Hen. Palmer to Capt. Maplesden to put to sea with the Delight, the Salutation, and the St. Claude, and to cruise in the Channel in search of ships of the enemy.*

Jan. 31. Downs. 91. The same to Buckingham. The Merchant Bonaventure found a man-of-war of Sallee at Flushing. Sent his boat aboard and took by force 20 Christian slaves, whom he has brought thither. Being seamen, he purposes to dispose of them amongst the ships. The ships intended for the westward were still wind bound. Ships with deer and horses came into the Downs on Sunday. If weather will permit he will stand over to the coast of France and Flanders. Complains of Captains of ships pressing without moderation or discretion, which proves a great distaste to the subject, and a great hindrance to trade. He has never received orders as to the two Danskers; intends to release one of them on security.

Jan. 31. 92. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The Duke of Buckingham, by his letters to Capt. Pennington, had discharged them from the care of the fleet. Only 4,280*l.* received out of the 5,000*l.* promised by the Lord Treasurer. Difficulty of procuring money in that country. The allowance of 3*s.* per week to the soldiers will much advance the service. P.S. 1,100*l.* of Privy Seal money just received.

Jan. 31. 93. List of men mustered aboard the Adventure at Gillingham, by Capt. Downing.

[Jan.] 94. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to the Council. Having received letters to put Sir Peter Vanlore in possession of the Manor House of Sonning, he inquires whether Sir Peter ought not previously to give bond for payment of 50*l.* yearly for the maintenance of Lady Lydall; and also, whether an injunction in Chancery is a sufficient warrant to remove a possession settled by a verdict at common law.

[Jan.] 95. Suggestion for a proclamation to be sent out with the writs for the Parliament, charging electors not to make choice of any burgesses who are not at that time dwelling within their towns.

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[Jan.] 96. Extract from Stat. 1 Hen. V., Cap. 1., for knights of shires and burgesses to be residents within the shires and boroughs for which they are chosen.

[Jan.] 97. "Remembrances against the Parliament;" being suggestions for Acts of Parliament for re-annexing all Hundreds and Wapentakes which had been severed from Counties, for annexing to the Exchequer the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster, and for the confirmation of Letters Patent from the Crown, where the patentee answered to the Crown after the rate of 60 years purchase.

[Jan.] 98. Petition of the owners and merchants of the Sampson to Buckingham. Having presented a former petition praying that their ship might be freed from the press made of her by Capt. Pennington, they have heard that the Duke has been given to understand that they desire to sell their ship; they certify that they are not willing to do so, and reiterate their former prayer.

[Jan.] 99. Richard Fitton [Phitton], Ensign to Sir Robert Knowles, in Lord Essex's regiment, in the service of Holland, to Buckingham. Coming to England for a supply of men about the last of October 1625, he and 60 of his men were taken at sea by the Dunkirkers, and have been kept prisoners at Ostend. They are helpless unless the Duke will interfere for their discharge.

[Jan.] Middle Temple. 100. James Howell to Sec. Conway. A person who haunts the Court may be suspected to come for no good. The father of the person alluded to was an English minister and afterwards an officer of the Inquisition. He comes from Brussels, and has dependency upon Gondomar; suggests that he should be brought before the Secretary. His name is James Waddesworth.

[Jan.] 101. Justices of the Peace for co. Middlesex to the Council. Report their proceedings in obedience to directions to air and purify houses and stuff infected.

[Jan.] 102. Clause suggested to be inserted in Capt. Pennington's instructions, directing him to give assistance to the officers of the Admiralty, in making stay of ships at anchor in any of his Majesty's ports. [*Draft, in the handwriting of Nicholas.*]

[Jan.] 103. Reasons assigned by Blase Carill, why he cannot lend 40*l.* to his Majesty.

[Jan. ?] 104. Estimate for setting forth to sea two of the King's ships, and one merchant ship, with 530 men, to be employed in guarding the river of Hamburgh for six months; 9,519*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

[Jan.] 105. Dep. Lieuts. of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain. Report that they had caused the Trained Bands to be mustered and trained in the manner prescribed by the printed book, and that they had their beacons in readiness. Fowey, Looe, and Penzance are the places most liable to sudden incursions of an enemy. They especially recommend the fortification of the first. There are many other places where an enemy might land, but there they will be ready to oppose their bodies, which have ever been esteemed the best English fortresses.

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Jan.? 106. Petition of Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford [claimant of the title] to the King. The King appointed Lords Commissioners to examine the cause between the petitioner and Lord Willoughby. Petitioner has attended the Lord Marshal's appointments, but the cause is still unheard. Prays that the cause may be expedited, especially on account of the approaching coronation.

[Jan.] 107. Sir Dudley Digges to the King. Long letter of advice as to the course best to be adopted in the ensuing Parliament. Writes as one who had served the King's royal father for 20 years, and as one of the King's loyal subjects and true men; reviews the condition of Europe and the state of England; holds up to the King the example of Queen Elizabeth; advises him to give the Commons satisfaction with respect to the question of customs by proposing "another book of rates reformed"; and suggests to him to disregard the various opinions of over-forward Parliament men. He doubts not of the next Parliament's success, if the King will yield some such good things as the Parliament may desire. Counsels the King to take no notice of particular follies, to receive all petitions with good words, to allow the Parliament to examine the revenues of the Crown, to dispark unuseful lands of pleasure, with several other practical reforms, and above all, to look into the several abilities of his noblemen, and be served by ablest men for parts and breeding. [*Copy of a rough draft, said in the indorsement to have been "found in his chamber," probably when his study was searched in May* 1626.]

Jan. 108. Declaration in an action of trespass in the King's Bench, Robt. Burges against Wm. Tanner, for breaking and entering the house of the plaintiff, at Colyton, co. Devon, and taking therefrom a certain horse.

[Jan.] 109. Order of the Earl Marshal that Peers at the coronation are to take precedence as Peers, and to wear their Peers' robes; also that they and the officers in attendance are to robe in the Painted Chamber and Whitehall where the Court of Requests is usually kept. The King will seat himself on his throne in Westminster Hall at 7½ A.M., and thence proceed to the Church.

[Jan.] 110. Minute of the first part of the preceding order.

[Jan.] 111. A collection out of the Liber Regalis, remaining in the Treasury of the Church of Westminster, touching the crowning of the King and Queen together.

[Jan.] 112. The order and ceremonies used at the coronation of the Kings and Queens of England; with marginal additions and alterations apparently with reference to the coronation of Charles I.

[Jan.] 113. "The Abreviament of the Ordre how the King of England shall behave himselfe in his coronation, and the Ordre of the Quene, crowned togedder, and what services all other persons shall doe att the same." [*Apparently a copy of a MS. transcribed with reference to the coronation of Charles* I.]

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[Jan.] 114. List of things necessary to be prepared before the day of coronation.

Jan. 115. Preparation and order of the feast in Westminster Hall after the coronation. [*The feast was omitted on account of the plague.*]

[Jan.] 116. Names of freeholders in Gloucestershire, whose lands are worth 40*l.* per annum, and who were owners of them for three years before the death of King James.

[Jan.] 117. The wholesale tradesmen of London who frequent Lynn fair to the Council. Lynn fair, which is usually held on February 2, had been put off on account of the plague, but that disease having ceased in Lynn and abated in London, the petitioners pray that goods sent by them to Lynn, and intended for the fair, may now be put to sale in that town.

[Jan. ?] 118. Petition of Capt. Richard Gyffard and Roger Gyffard to the Council. Their ship, the Fortune, was plundered on April 3, 1612, by the Dog or Hound of Rotterdam, Peter Cosson, master; they had sought for satisfaction in a variety of ways, and lately by the Lord Admiral in person, and had received a promise of reparation from the States; all being unavailing, they pray for letters of marque.

[Jan. ?] 119. Another similar petition of Capt. Richd. Gyffard and Roger Gyffard to the Council, praying for compensation out of the goods of Flemings, then under arrest.

[Jan.] 120. Petition of the Bailiffs, burgesses, and inhabitants of Aldborough, co. Suffolk, with the Dep. Lieuts. of the county, to the Council. Aldborough is daily in danger to be surprised by the Dunkirkers, who have not only taken a bark of the town worth 700*l.*, but have assaulted the town by shooting at it. The petitioners pray that their town may be fortified, and that they may have 10 or 12 demy-culverins, with which they may defend themselves.

[Jan. ?] 121. Petition of the Chief Officers of the Field, Colonels, Serjeant-Majors, and Captains, employed in this last voyage, to the King, for leave to resume their employments in the Low Countries. The petitioners make known to the King that they are most of them "men of fortune," wherefore they conclude he will think them "worthy to receive their entertainments."

[Jan. ?] 122. Statement of the King's intentions with reference to the pledging of the plate and jewels of the crown by Sackville Crow and Mr. Calandrini, and the purposes for which they were to stand as a security. Fr.

[Jan. ?] 123. Translation of the preceding paper into English, with the omission of the final sentence.

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[Jan. ?] 124. Philip Burlamachi [to Buckingham.] Minute of advice received from Amsterdam that the men who have money will not lend it on the jewels, without the undertaking of some merchants that they shall be redeemed in three years; with suggestions for consideration thereon.

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[Feb. 1.] 1. Statutes and ordinances established in the University of Cambridge for the preservation of discipline. Printed.

[Feb. 1.] 2. Descent of the manor and barony of Scrivelsby, which "is the championship," from Philip Marmion to Charles Dymock, the then holder thereof.

Feb. 1. 3. List of 15 persons dwelling in London warned to attend [before the Council?] on the 1st Feb., with three others directed to be similarly warned for Friday the 3d.

Feb. 1. London. 4. Sir John Wolstenholme, Henry Garway, and Abraham Jacobs, Farmers of the Customs in London, to the Council. The petition of the English merchants, praying for abolition of pirate money, having been referred to them, [*See Vol.* II. *No.* 73.], they state the circumstances under which that payment had been received by the Merchant Adventurers, with the amount it had produced, and report their opinion that there should be an end thereof. *Inclose,*

4. I. *The petition of the English merchants.*

4. II. *Account rendered by the Merchant Adventurers, of the monies by them received and paid for pirate money.*

[Feb. 1.] 5. Petition of merchants residing in the City of London to the Council. The Merchant Adventurers promised to discontinue the imposition of pirate money at Michaelmas, and afterwards at Christmas last; pray the Council to order that it may cease from the latter period.

Feb. 1. 6. Request by Wm. Byng, Capt. of Deal Castle, for the appointment of a gunner, in lieu of one deceased, and also of deputies for two persons who could no longer perform their duties.

Feb. 1. 7. Warrant to pay Sir Wm. Becher 162*l.* for his allowance at 3*l.* per day as Agent from the late King to the Princes of Germany. [*Draft, with an autograph memorandum underwritten, in the King's hand, that the Clerk of the Signet was to engross that bill ready for his Majesty's signature.*]

Feb. 2. 8. Order of the procession to the coronation. [*In this MS. the Peers are all enumerated, with an indication of such as were absent.*]

Feb. 2. 9. A copy of the same.

Feb. 2. 10. Order of the coronation; comprising that portion of the service which related to the coronation oath.

Feb. 2. 11. A copy of the preceding.

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Feb. 2. 12. "The form of the coronation; taken by Mr. [John] Bradshaw, Herald at Arms."

Feb. 2. 13. "Coronatio Regis Caroli, 2di Februarij, a° 1625." [*A rubricated MS., containing the whole of the intended ceremony. One leaf wanting.*]

Feb. 2. 14. Another MS., similar in substance to the preceding. [*Incomplete, but having the portion wanting in the former.*]

Feb 2. 15. Another similar MS., with marginal additions, some of them in the handwriting of Bishop Laud. [*The rubricated portion of this MS. has been written in ink, which, in some places, has almost entirely faded away. Parts of it have been written over again.*]

Feb. 2. 16. List of Earls to be created on the occasion of the King's coronation.

Feb. 2. 17. A copy of the said list.

Feb. 2. 18 List of the Knights of the Bath made at the coronation, 58 in number.

Feb. 2. 19. A copy of the above.

Feb. 2. Plymouth. 20. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Explanations of rumoured boasting on his part of the power he had received from the Duke, and of his reception by the Commissioners at Plymouth. He had taken up eight ships more, and had sent to Dartmouth for other two. They would all be ready before they had either victuals or men. Present of 5 lbs. of tobacco sent by Sir James Bagg. Does not want his Commission as the Duke is coming.

Feb. 2. Dartmouth. 21. Capt. John Mason, Commissary General for victualling the fleet and army, to Nicholas. Five weeks ago, he wrote respecting a ship of Sallee named the Heart's Desire or Good Fortune, which he had taken in Crookhaven, in Ireland, and had brought to St. Ives. Wishes to be allowed to have her in lieu of his pay due to him. Desires Nicholas's furtherance, which at his coming to London he would not make a fruitless accompt.

Feb. 2. 22. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Mr. Brooke as successor to his father, in the office of Clerk of the Cheque at Portsmouth.

Feb. 3. Whitehall. 23. Sir Benjn. Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole.] Walter Montagu was said to have returned from France, bringing a promise of restitution of our ships, and a peace with the Protestants, but many believe this to be merely a preparation for the Parliament. His Majesty was yesterday crowned. The Queen was not crowned (her Church not recognising our Bishops) but stood in a window at Sir Abraham Williams's, to see the show. The Parliament begins on Monday. Sir Edw. Cecil is still in Ireland. The Duke will do what he can to get Nethersole returned, but he is exceedingly "streighted." Many Earls to be created;—Cardinals to carry the consistory if there be occasion. The title of Oxford likely to continue in the name of Vere; the claim has had a hearing, but no judgment given. The Queen's pastoral and mask deferred until Shrovetide. Other Court news.

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Feb. 3. Chatham Dock. 24. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Philip Warde for painter to the navy.

Feb. 4. Plymouth. 25. Captain John Pennington to Buckingham. On receipt of a command to make up his fleet to 40 ships, he had given warrant to the shipwrights, who had chosen 9 at Plymouth, and he had sent to Dartmouth for three or four more. What men will be required. Hopes to finish all the ships by next spring-tide. The French ships will be ready by the end of next week. Hears nothing of the provisions for the Rochellers. Details the wants of the fleet; amongst them, surgeons, with their salves and unguents, and 1,500 "hamackoes" for men's lodgings. There is a general complaint, especially amongst the common sailors, of want of their pay; they will hardly be drawn to sea without it. Order ought to be sent that the Mayor should allow the sick to be put ashore, and strict orders for a press of sailors. News from Rochelle, which leads him to think they shall find little opposition. Two ships arrived with Persian Ambassadors. Sir James Bagg very forward in the service. He has paid to Pennington 540*l.* out of the prize. *Incloses,*

25. I. *Report of the shipwrights as to nine ships by them selected for this present voyage.*

25. II. *List of the* 39 *ships he had made choice of, with subsequent additions and alterations made by Nicholas.*

Feb. 4. 26. Petition of Mark Willes to the King. Prays that he may receive compensation out of prize goods at Dover, for the loss of 400 quarters of oats, and 100 quarters of malt, shipped for the Duke of Brunswick, and taken by the Dunkirkers: with reference underwritten to the Duke of Buckingham.

Feb. 4. 27. Petition of Thos. Askew and James Stroud to the same. Prays for similar compensation for 660*l.*, the value of their bark, the Hopewell, captured by a Spanish frigate and taken into Blankenburg, and 155*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* paid by them for their ransom: with similar reference.

Feb. 4. 28. Bill of Sir Lewes Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, for coaches and attendance on Extraordinary Ambassadors of France and Savoy, from Dec. 7, 1625, to this day: total 330*l.*

[Feb. 5.] 29. The Duke of Buckingham to Sackville Crow. The carriage of the States in the business of the jewels is malicious and dangerous, but the Duke knows Crow to have a heart that is constant and will not be daunted. He is to acquaint the King and Queen of Bohemia, the Prince of Orange and the States, how important it is to the King of England, and to them, to make the requisite payments to the King of Denmark. To break with that king, is to overthrow all the great actions now in hand. To have his jewels refused for a pawn will dishearten the King of England in his enterprises and intentions for the good of that state. Crow is not by any means to come away with the jewels until he sees what course will be taken. [*Copy.*]

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Feb. 5. 30. Petition of Edmund Forster and other merchants of London to Buckingham, for discharge of their ship, the Transport, laden with a cargo for Barbary, but stayed in the Downs by Sir Hen. Palmer.

Feb. 5. Plymouth. 31. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sec. Conway. Being uncertain as to the state of things between the Dutch merchants of the East Indies and ours, he had stayed one of their East Indiamen, and desired instructions.

[Feb. 5.] 32. The King to Attorney General Heath. Warrant to prepare a bill for a Commission to the Earls of Kent and Cleveland to be Lieutenants of co. Bedford.

Feb. 5. Whitehall. 33. The same to the same. Warrant to prepare bills containing grants of the Broyle, co. Sussex, and various other lands in the Counties of Denbigh, Flint, Northampton, Bucks, Salop, Hereford, Montgomery, Worcester, Gloucester and Rutland, to James, Earl of Carlisle, the same having been formerly granted by the late King to the nominees of John Gray, and by them contracted to be sold to the said Earl, who desired to have new Letters Patent thereof.

Feb. 5. Plymouth. 34. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Buckingham, Reiterates his request for money. The soldiers cannot be exercised in their present condition, and will never be better than new pressed men.

Feb. 5. The Downs. 35. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Reports the result of a cruize on the coast of France. The Lion unserviceable, the John Bonaventure without provision. Desires leave of absence for five or six days.

Feb. 6. Suffolk House. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Dr. Gostlyn, the Vice Chancellor, and to the Heads of Houses at Cambridge. Sends a copy of the King's letter to him of 1626, Jan. 26, and charges them to put all their brains together, and be all of one mind, as one entire man, to bring home that long banished pilgrim, Discipline. [*See Vol.* XIX. *No.* 59. *Copy.*]

[Feb. 6.] 36. Order and manner of the sitting of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, with the names of the Knights, Citizens, Burgesses, and Barons of the House of Commons for this Parliament. [1626. *London. 4to. Printed. Bishop Laud's copy, with a few manuscript alterations and marks.*]

[Feb. 6.] 37. Speech of Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household, on moving that Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, be chosen Speaker.

Feb. 6. 38. Order of the King's proceeding to open the Parliament. [*Copy certified by Wm. Le Neve, Clarencieux.*]

Feb. 6. Dover Castle. 39. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Sends examination of Richard Boone, who, in the time of the restraint, being refused permission to cross from Dover, slipped over from Whitstable, and gave Spinola notice of the intention to fire the ships at Dunkirk. Urges that he and the man who carried him across should be made examples of. *Incloses.*

39. I. *Examination of Richard Boone before mentioned.*

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Feb. 6. 40. Names of persons within co. Chester, who excused themselves from lending on Privy Seals.

Feb. 6. 41. Names of persons in co. Chester, who had paid loans required on Privy Seals, to Sir George Booth.

Feb. 6. 42. Names of persons in co. Chester who have not sent the loans required from them on Privy Seals.

[Feb. 6.] 43. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to the King. The King's gracious speeches to him when he took his leave, and his own conscious innocence, have comforted him in the affliction of being enjoined from his Majesty's presence—the only Heaven wherein his soul delights. Has endured patiently his discharge from his great office, his required absence from the Council, his sequestration from the coronation, and licensed absence from Parliament, but as he has no friend left about the King, he begs humbly to represent that his purchased pension is unpaid, and that he has not received any writ of summons to the Parliament, so that he cannot appoint a proxy. Prays the King to mitigate the causeless displeasure of the Duke of Buckingham; not to believe accusations against him; and not to allow the Royal name to be used in Parliament against a poor Bishop who has ever affectionately honoured his Majesty's person above all objects in the world to come. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 6. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Acquainting him with two letters prepared for the despatch into France concerning the Ambassador. Sending his Grace some propositions concerning the regiments, and an abstract of Mr. Carleton's letter. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 7. 44. Richd. Wainright, John Griffin, and John Gray, to Sec. Conway. Had searched the house of one Payne, by virtue of Lord Conway's warrant, and had found therein Wilford, a Jesuit priest going by the names of Reames and Peters. He being lame of the gout, the Duchess of Buckingham's Usher became bail for his appearance.

Feb. 7. 45. Minutes of a representation made by Sir Edward Harwood, concerning the best way of proceeding to clothe the 4,000 soldiers then at Portsmouth; communicated to the Council by Sec. Conway.

Feb. 7. Suffolk House. 46. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Desires to strike out four names from the Dorsetshire Privy Seals and to substitute four others in their stead. His servant will wait upon Sec. Conway with a like proposal for Suffolk and Cambridge. *Incloses,*

46. I. *Names of persons in Dorsetshire proposed to be discharged.*

46. II. *Names of other persons of greater ability proposed to be substituted.*

[Feb. 7.] 47. Account by Nicholas Blake, Mayor of Plymouth, of 6,006*l.* received by him from the Collectors of the Loans on Privy Seals. [*Perhaps sent with the letter from the Commissioners at Plymouth* 1626, *Feb.* 9, *No.* 57, *but not mentioned therein.*]

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Feb. 8. 48. Francis Willoughby to Buckingham. Suggests, as a way of discovering the reality of the excuses of inability to lend money on Privy Seals, that all scriveners and notaries should be examined before the Council.

Feb. 8. London. 49. Isaac Pennington to his cousin, Capt. John Pennington. Solicits, for a kinsman, the release of the Martha, a ship stayed by Capt. Pennington. Had not yet been able to procure Capt. Pennington's money from Sir Wm. Russell.

Feb. 8. London. 50. Philip Burlamachi to Nicholas. Requests him to procure the Duke's order for Sir John Hippisley to deliver certain tobacco to him for his Majesty's service.

Feb. 8. 51. Petition of the Merchants of London trading to Rouen to the Duke of Buckingham. On the 28th Dec. last the Council ordered the discharge of the St Peter, of Newhaven, on proof that she belonged to subjects of France; proof having been made, the Judge of the Admiralty ordered her to be discharged, but she is again stayed by order of the Duke; thereupon the French not only detain the petitioners' ships by way of reprisal, but threaten to arrest their goods and debts throughout that kingdom, which will be the ruin of the petitioners and many thousands of the King's poor subjects who are dependent upon them; they pray the Duke therefore to discharge the said ship.

Feb. 8. Austin Friars. 52. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Sets forth the grounds of his wish to enter the church. Desires at first only to receive the orders of a Deacon, relying upon God and the King's goodness for what shall follow. Wishes the King to dispose of the poor fortunes he holds in Ireland and the Netherlands for the benefit of himself and his family. He mentions his having spent in the Netherlands the best of his time, not a little of his blood, and also his having lost, of two, one of the fairest lights of his body.

[Feb. 8.] 53. The Gunners of various ships in harbour to Nicholas. Send him a petition to the Duke for a supply of powder, which they beg him to further with his accustomed favour. Will be ready to gratify his love as they have done formerly. *Inclose,*

53. I. *Petition of the same Gunners to the Duke of Buckingham for a harbour supply of powder. They expended their last in honour of the King's coronation.*

53. II. *Memorandum to insert in the warrant an iron saker for Upnor Castle, and another for Warham Sconce.*

[Feb. 8.] Nicholas to George Earl of Totness, Master General of the Ordnance, making request in conformity with the preceding letter. [*Draft, written on the fly-leaf of the preceding.*]

Feb. 8. 54. Warrant from two of the Commissioners of the Navy, authorising Richard Goodwyn to execute the place of Master Carpenter of the Constant Reformation, void by the death of Martin Boyeur.

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Feb. 8. 55. Petition of Humfrey Slanye to Buckingham. A ship and goods belonging to the petitioner, worth 4,000*l.*, were taken by pirates last June and carried into Sallee; part of the goods were afterwards laden in two Holland ships, which were stayed by the King's fleet and brought into the Thames; the petitioner claimed his goods, and obtained a decree for the same; they are worth 850*l.*; in consideration of his great losses and of large sums formerly paid for customs, he prays the Duke's warrant for their delivery without further trouble.

Feb. 8. 56. Petition of Richd. Bathurst to the same; praying the Duke's letters to admonish Sir Hen. Palmer to satisfy the petitioner for a debt of 40*l.*, or that he might be allowed to take his course by law.

Feb. 8. Grant to John Levingston, one of the Bedchamber to the late King, and Simon Chamber, of the office of Clerk of the Market of the King's house and throughout the realm, for 23 years, at the rent of 50*l.* for the first year, 150*l.* for the second year, and 336*l.* for the remainder of the term. [*Case A., Charles* I., *No.* 6.]

Feb. 9. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. He is to give order to all his ships to lie in wait for the Sallee men which the merchant Bonaventure met with at Flushing. He is also to send ships to lie on the coast of France to intercept ships coming out of Spain. The Duke is informed that the ships at Harwich lie still in harbour, and suffer the Dunkirkers to commit spoil: he is to quicken and awaken them. It seems very strange that none of Sir Henry's ships have effected anything. He is to search into the cause and apply a remedy. [*Copy. See Vol.* XIX. *No.* 79.]

Feb. 9. Plymouth. 57. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Thanks for care taken to supply the Commissioners with money. The increased allowance to the soldiers was to begin on Feb. 4. Reference for personal explanations to Sir Wm. St. Leger. Money received and disbursed, 6,006*l.*

Feb. 9. Plymouth. 58. The same to the same. Report the case of Captain Andrew Pawlet, who had sold four barrels of his ship's powder for supply of his own necessity and relief of his sick men; and that of the Gunner of the Sarah Bonaventure, accused of having broken the store room. Have bound them to appear, and request further instructions. Urge the immediate necessity for money.

Feb. 9. Whitehall. 59. Sec. Coke to Sir James Bagg. Six Spanish Captains having been brought home in the St. Andrew, the Lord Admiral had granted them to a kinsman of Sir John Coke's lately taken by the Dunkirkers, to satisfy for his ransom. Bagg is requested to treat with them as to what they will raise amongst them. The Dunkirkers kept Coke's kinsman in extreme misery till he had given assurance of 300*l.* ransom.

Feb. 9. The Hague. 60. Sackville Crow to Buckingham. Reports his proceedings. Fourteen days having passed, he had used the Duke's protest, with an amplification of the King's just dislike should he fail in his expectation of procuring the money. Is assured that if Amsterdam

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would undertake it the money would be had in three days. Will drive the matter to a final resolution. Begs that a convoy may be sent over fit to trust such a treasure with. Callandrini, in an inclosed letter, has set forth the wants and complaints of the King of Denmark and Count Mansfeldt. The Queen [of Bohemia] prays daily for the happy success of this ill-faced Parliament.

Feb. 9. The Hague. 61. Sackville Crow to Sec. Conway. Refers to what he has written to the Duke, which he presumes will be communicated to Lord Conway.

Feb. 9. 62. Names of those who had contracted with the Commissioners at Plymouth for suits of apparel for the soldiers.

Feb. 9. 63. Number of officers and soldiers billeted in Devon and Cornwall, with their weekly charge. [The total number of soldiers was 3,700. The payment to the soldier was 3*s.* per week; to the Capt. 4*s.* per day; to the Lieut. 2*s.* per day; to the Ensign 10*s.* per week.]

Feb. 9. The Downs. 64. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. The St. Claude returned last night with a ship, which is asserted to be of Calais, but believed to be of Dunkirk. She is of 40 tons, laden with Orleans wine. Requests that pilots and men sent up with prizes may receive speedy despatch. Inquires whether he should stay ships of London bound for France, having lead amongst the commodities on board. Capt. Maplesden has heard that the Vanguard, with the rest of the English ships in the service of France, are at St. Martin's Island.

Feb. 9. Plymouth. 65. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Recommends various persons for Captains. Sends a list of what ships had Captains, with their names, and a dash against the ships which had poor silly Captains. Sir James Bagg's statement that he seized the prize is most false. The calenture has subsided, and there are few deaths now. *Incloses,*

65. I. *List of ships and Captains before mentioned.*

Feb. 9. Plymouth. 66. The same to Buckingham. Reports proceedings from the 4th to the 9th. Acknowledges the receipt of intelligence from Buckingham, that peace was concluded between the King of France and the Rochellers; also of directions to make the fleet up to 50 sail. Mons. Soubise's ships are in a manner all ready. Yesterday 4 of the colliers arrived from Kinsale. They sailed in company with the Lord Marshal in the Swiftsure, but parted in a storm. Some of the Irish ships put in at St. Ives. Protests that he and not Sir James Bagg seized the St. Peter of Calais. Intelligence that 20 ships are making ready at St. Maloes to join the French King's fleet before Rochelle. The ships here will be suddenly ready, and if to be used against Spain they ought to be victualled and sail before April.

Feb. 10. 67. [Sec. Conway] to Dr. Walter Balcanquall, Dean of Rochester and Master of the Savoy. Information being given that there is a place within the Savoy where mass is usually said, with much resort of people, he is to cause the priest to be apprehended, and to seize upon the popish books and massing stuff. [*Copy.*]

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Feb. 10. 68. Bond of John Pregion, of the Close of Lincoln, to Sir John Lambe, of Rothwell, co. Northampton, for payment of 10*l.* in 1632, if Sir John be then living.

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1626.
[Feb. 11 ?] 1. Reasons to move the Parliament to pass an act to reform abuses in relation to returns made by undersheriffs, principally with reference to outlawries.

[Feb. 11 ?] 2. John Millington to his brother ——. News of proceedings in the Parliament. The Keeper's and Speaker's discourses. Sir Benjn. Rudyerd moved for an allowance to vicars. Sir John Eliot drew attention to the King's wants, the expenditure of past supplies, and the ill success of the Spanish voyage. Sir George Goring defended the courtiers. Inquiry respecting Sir Edward Coke's return; Lord Vaux has claimed his privilege in the Star Chamber. The Dunkirkers reported to have landed in Cromer Marsh, in Norfolk.

Feb. 11. Dover Castle. 3. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. According to the Duke's command, he had taken order for the men of that town to appear on the 20th. Antonie Adye, who is in London, with his bark, should be sent for.

Feb. 11. 4. Information of Peter Cannon. Thirty-six chests of Brazil sugar brought to Dover in a ship called the Jacob, recovered by a collusive claim in the Court of Admiralty. Sir Anthony Dering's interference with wrecked goods. Complaints against Peter Dibbs. [*Minute.*]

Feb. 12. Whitehall. 5. Robert Earl of Monmouth to Sec. Conway. His Majesty had bestowed upon the Earl's daughter, Lady Wharton, the rent of 250*l.*, ordered to be paid by the Court of Wards during her son's minority, and also 250*l.* paid as a fine for the marriage and wardship. The Attorney General is to prepare a warrant to that effect.

Feb. 12. Ragland Castle. 6. Anne Lady Herbert of Ragland, to Wm. Earl of Northampton. Lord Herbert stayed about 14 days after his father, the Marquis of Worcester, to make up the certificate for the loans, which the Justices would not have agreed upon at all if he had not stayed. The weather was such as none but the Lord Privy Seal would have travelled in.

Feb. 12. 7. Petition of the inhabitants of Brightlingsea, co. Essex, a member of Sandwich, one of the Cinque Ports, to "the most gracious George Duke of Buckingham his Grace." They provide 50 soldiers, which are always ready at an hour's warning; but of late the Dep. Lieuts. of Essex have charged them with light horse, and billeting 100 soldiers. Pray for the Duke's protection against these infringements on their liberties.

Feb. 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant to remit to the Lady Wharton the sums, mentioned in the letter of her father, the Earl of Monmouth, 1626, Feb. 12. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

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Feb. 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Edward Viscount Wimbledon. For his present repair to his Majesty. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. The same to Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London. For the reprieve of John Tapps. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a pardon for John Tapps. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Feb. 13. 8. Reasons submitted to [Lord Conway] on behalf of the Earl of Bristol, why a proviso should be added to the bill for restoring in blood Carew Raleigh, son of Sir Walter Raleigh, to the effect that the said act should not extend to the manor of Sherborne.

Feb. 13. 9. Lord Mayor [Allen Cotton] and Aldermen of London to the Council. Have received their letter calling upon the City of London to provide, at their own charge, 5 ships of war for guarding the river Thames. Desire the Council to take into their thoughts the state of the City after its many hindrances and the late affliction, and to free them from so heavy a burthen, which neither their revenues are able to bear, nor, as they conceive, is the service such as concerns London otherwise than the whole kingdom, the defence whereof is a regal work. Their Lordships instance the two galleys built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; they were ordered by the Common Council when the City was in a better state than now, by a third part at the least, and yet so much exclamation followed when every householder felt the charge, that the writers much doubt whether the like act of Common Council could now be obtained.

Feb. 13. 10. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. He is to send up all papers found in the bark belonging, as is probable, to Dunkirk, and also to send her up to London. He is also to stay all lead and munition going to any part of France, the Spaniard being thereby supplied. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 14. Dover Castle. 11. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Sends a letter, respecting which he desires to know his pleasure. Had directed the persons alluded to, to be detained. Mr. Montagu is kept at Dover for want of a wind, but none shall go before him. *Incloses,*

11. I. *The Mayor of Faversham to Sir John Hippisley. Two persons had been detained at Faversham, who had offered 5l. to get a passage into France. One was an Englishman, who called himself Richard Foster; the other, a Frenchman, named Marande, who says he is Secretary to the French Ambassador. On examination they contradicted each other considerably, and Foster refused to take the oath of allegiance, alleging that he was a Roman Catholic. Requests to know what he should do with them.* 1626, *Feb.* 13.

Feb. 14. 12. Petition of Arnold Brames, Factor for Harman Beckman, of Hamburgh, to Buckingham; praying that certain copper, shipped at Dover for Spain during the amity, in a ship which never sailed, and which copper is now seized and pretended to be confiscate,

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may be restored, and be allowed to be exported to some friendly nation. Underwritten is a reference to Sir John Hippisley and Sir George Newman.

Feb. 14. Whitehall. 13. [Sec. Coke] to Sackville Crow. Instructs him what answer to make to the States in vindication of his instructions to pawn the Crown jewels. If he cannot prevail in obtaining all the money desired, he is to raise what money he can on the King's meaner jewels and on those belonging to the Duke, and out of the amount to pay: 1, the King of Denmark; 2, the Count Mansfeldt; 3, the States' companies. Order sent for a ship to bring him back. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 14. Ipswich. 14. Edward Nuttall to Nicholas. Desires a Commission for examination of certain persons respecting goods of Thos. Rivett. Suggests Sir John Barker, John Clinch, and himself, as Commissioners.

[Feb. 15?] 15. Petition of Thomas Sumner to the Council. Having been summoned for not serving with a light horse at musters in co. Wilts, states that he attended on the first day, and had leave given the next day by Lord Gorge to bring up the money collected by him for subsidies; prays for his discharge.

Feb. 15. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. To give order to Sir Humphrey May, Chancellor of the Duchy, for preparing a grant of the suit granted by his Majesty to Endymion Porter. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 15. 16. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. On information given by Reginald Mohun, Captain of the Venture, of Woodbridge, returned from Ireland, they suggest that she should be ordered round to the Thames for repair.

Feb. $\frac{14}{24}$. 17. Narrative of the arrest at Faversham of the two persons who sought to cross to the Continent clandestinely. [*Indorsed,* "*Mr. Montagu's information of what passed touching Blainville's Secretary.* 1625."]

Feb. 15. 18. Account of goods taken out of several vessels by —— Lamberson, with the disposition thereof.

Feb. 16. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sec. Coke. To move his Majesty for a Privy Seal for allowing Lord Conway the moneys due to him as Governor of the Isle of Wight, from the death of the Earl of Southampton to the date of Lord Conway's patent. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 16. Whitehall. 19. Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy. It being the King's pleasure that a fleet consisting of six of the King's ships and 35 merchant ships, should be forthwith prepared for sea; they are to cause an estimate of the charge of repairing, victualling, and furnishing the same for eight months. *Copy. Appended,*

19. I. *List of the ships whereof the said fleet is to be composed.*

Feb. 16. Nonsuch. 20. Capt. Thos. Wilbraham to Nicholas. Entreats him to further the petition of Mr. Jacob. If Stevenson, Master of the Garland, be

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insufficient, let the writer's credit never be warrantable. His ship is not able to stow more than four months provisions for 250 men. *Incloses,*

20. 1. *Certificate of the Master, Mate, and Quartermasters of the Nonsuch, as to the capacity of stowage of that ship. Gore-end,* 1626, *Feb.* 16.

[Feb. 16.] 21. Names of five persons in co. Cambridge for whom a discharge of Privy Seals is solicited, with the names of eight others tendered in their stead.

[Feb. 16.] 22. Similar list containing two persons in co. Suffolk.

Feb. 16. 23. Names and residences of 161 recusants indicted at the gaol delivery of Newgate; amongst them are the Lady Willoughby, Viscount Montagu, and Frances Lady Blackstone.

Feb. 17. Dover Castle. 24. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. If the Duke does not send to Lord Stanhope to take some course with the postmasters, business will miscarry; when the Duke wrote the other day "for life," it was nine hours coming from Sittingbourne. He had sealed a bond for 5,000*l.* to the Duke's use; hopes that will do, and that he may receive order to go to sea. The French carry goods to Dunkirk, which ought not to be so. Shall be able to satisfy him that the goods which fall to the King within the ports belong to the Duke. At first he was to have had his tenth, now he has all. It was not a bad bargain that Nicholas and he made for the Duke for the ports.

Feb. 17. 25. Sec. Coke to John Monck, one of the Yeomen of the Chamber, and Thos. Dyer, one of the Messengers of the Chamber. The Jesuits and priests named in a schedule delivered therewith, lurk in divers parts of the kingdom, seducing the King's subjects from their obedience, they are, therefore, to be apprehended with all massing stuff, and to be brought before the Secretary.

Feb. 17. 26. Petition of John May to Buckingham. That he may be restored to his office of Assistant to his Majesty's shipwrights.

Feb. 17. The Downs. 27. Sir Henry Palmer to the same. The weather prevented his taking over Mr. Montagu, or sending into Dover for beer. The John Bonaventure has no victual at all. Has sent the St. Claude into the Hope, and has given the prize with the wines in charge to her. Hears nothing of the ships with the deer. Requests instructions as to whether Capt. Giles and the ships at Harwich shall return or remain there. The leakiness of his own ship increases. Will put to sea as soon as he can get victual.

Feb. 17. The Downs. 28. The same to Nicholas. Has sent up the bark laden with wine. Thanks for his care of Bathurst's petition. Incloses an order on Sir Wm. Russell for his payment. Want of provisions. Wishes to be allowed to put the St. Peter at Dover to sea at his own charge. Violent winds and such extreme cold that he can hardly write. *Incloses,*

28. 1. *Sir Henry Palmer to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy. For payment of* 40*l. to Edward Nicholas.*

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Feb. 18. Deal. 29. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Repetition of most of the intelligence in the last letter. Men of the John Bonaventure have opened the hatches and embezzled seven or eight hogsheads of wine in the absence of their Captain. For preservation of his men he has adventured ashore at Deal to procure beer, and has not often been in greater hazard. The weather such that no ship has come in or passed.

Feb. 18. 30. Petition of Thos. Duffield and Hendrick Henderson to the same. The petitioners, with three other Englishmen, being slaves on board a Sallee man-of-war, conspired against the Turks and slew 62 of them. They then brought the ship into Crookhaven, in Ireland, where Capt. Mason and others of the King's fleet seized the ship and sent the petitioners away with only the clothes on their backs. They pray for compensation.

Feb. 18. Dover. 31. Capt. John Mennes to Nicholas. Is at Dover with a company discontented and almost grown desperate. Between the owners and Commissioners, a great deal of time, pay, and victual was spent to no purpose. His ship is ready, and the sails ready in the town, but will not be delivered without money, and ere they be had the victuals will be exhausted. Has information of a ship from St. Lucar, which, if they could be provided, they might endanger.

Feb. 18. Plymouth. 32. Capt. John Pennington to the same. In all the warrants he brought down he was styled "Admiral of the Fleet," now all his packets are directed to him as "Capt. of the Lion;" desires to know the reason; if it be that the Duke goes himself, then he shall think himself the happiest man in the world. Refers to the following letter to the Duke for other business. Recommends Capt. Bond to his favour, and begs him to remember Capt. Wollaston and the 200*l.* for Pennington.

Feb. 18. Plymouth. 33. The same to Buckingham. Continuation of report of his proceedings from the 9th. Misconduct of the unserviceable ships in deserting the prizes which they were directed to convoy to the Thames. Sends account of the 29 ships he has there. Wishes the Duke would order a supply of six or eight ships for hospital and fire ships, and two or three of the rowing pinnaces bespoken for Capt. Gyffard. The French ships are fitted up. If the Duke goes to sea himself the Swiftsure will be the best ship for him. The ships will be all ready by the end of the next week. Complaint against the Mayor of Dartmouth for interfering with the pressing of men. Capt. Bond is maliciously complained of by the master. The Duke ought not to make any of the masters Captains. If the victuals are not ready, suggests that a squadron should be fitted out, so that he might go out and keep the channel. The sickness on the increase. *Incloses,*

33. 1. *Names of the ships he had, with their Captains; and specifying tonnage, ordnance, and men; with an addition in the handwriting of Nicholas of the ships in the Narrow Seas.*

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Feb. 19. Dover Castle. 34. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Endeavoured to take the priest whom Lord Holland wrote of, but by his good will the man will not come near him. Suggests a watch at Rochester bridge, and to waylay the ports and bye-places in Essex. The priest has a flaxen beard inclining to whitish, and is every day at Court with the French Ambassador. Mr. Elphinston and the Frenchman went over with Mr. Montagu, who told Hippisley that if he did not hear from him by Tuesday he might go to London.

Feb. 19. 35. Petition of William Hemming to the same. "Sheweth to his Highness" what had been his past services under Sir Thomas Dutton, the Dutch, and Ferdinando Medici, Great Duke of Tuscany. Prays his "Highness, out of his worthy affection to soldiers and travellers," to appoint him Captain of one of his Majesty's ships.

Feb. 20. Londesborough. 36. Henry Lord Clifford to Sec. Conway. Recommends a worthy gentleman who is passing to London, as one with whom Lord Conway may confer about the miserable estate of Northumberland.

Feb. 20. Belsize. 37. Anne Lady Waad to the same. Is a humble suitor, that considering a debt of 825*l.* due to her out of the Exchequer, she may be borne withal with reference to the loan granted to his Majesty. Sets out the state of her circumstances, and hopes he will be a mediator for a poor widow.

Feb. 20. Elmore. 38. Sir Wm. Guise to Nicholas. Acknowledges receipt of tidings of the death of Samuel Hopton. Proffers of help to Nicholas in his executorship. If, as suggested, the Duke will appoint the writer his Vice Admiral for Gloucestershire, he shall be ready to do him service.

Feb. 20. 39. Certificate from Sir Thomas Southwell and five others, neighbours of Gilbert Lewing, addressed to the Council. Three days since Lewing returned from London, weary and very lame. As soon as he may, he will come up and present himself before the Lords.

Feb. 21. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Charles Viscount Wilmot. Concerning his house at Charing Cross. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. 40. James Earl of Marlborough, Lord Treasurer, to the Lord Mayor. Desiring him to peruse a schedule of fees for the packer in the port of London, and to report whether the same be not greater than those allowed in the old table of fees.

Feb. 21. 41. The Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. The bearer has received a letter from Richard Gurling, now prisoner at Dunkirk, stating that above 100 poor mariners there imprisoned will be discharged, if two priests detained at Dover are set at liberty, which information is recommended to the consideration of the Secretary.

Feb. 22. The Tower. 42. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends his servant Edward Ellis, for Purser in a King's ship.

Feb. 22. 43. Estimate by the Lord High Admiral and the Commissioners of the Navy of the charge of setting forth to sea, in warlike manner, of 6 of his Majesty's ships, 21 merchant and 14 Newcastle ships, for a service of 8 months. Totals:—King's ships, 37,121*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; the other ships, 65,820*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

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Feb. 22. Chester. 44. Sir Randolph Mainwaring to Mr. Wild, secretary to Lord Conway. Requests that Mr. Williamson, an Alderman of Chester, may not be called upon to pay over 30*l.* in his hands of money for Algiers before next Candlemas.

Feb. 22. London. 45. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Had considered Mr. Wells's petition for uniting his two patents [of Keeper of the Out Stores and General Stores], and that Benjamim Wallinger should be joined with him, instead of Anthony Lewes. Are of opinion that it would be for the advancement of the service if that course were adopted.

Feb. 22. Fulham. 46. Sir Thomas Button to Nicholas. Hoped soon to be able to wait on the Duke, to beseech his order for the furnishing or calling home of his ship, which had been forgotten. Recommends Wm. Thomas for Purser of the Antelope, and Thos. Davies for cook.

[Feb. 22.] 47. Note in the handwriting of Sir John Coke, respecting public measures taken in Spain for discovery and confiscation of English goods, with suggestions for corresponding measures to be adopted in England. Also, memoranda of business to be transacted at the Council; amongst other things is a suggestion to give order to the Bishop of Durham and the Master of the Savoy to apprehend the resorters to mass in their houses.

Feb. 23. 48. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends Joshua Wenlock for Purser of a King's ship.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. 49. Buckingham to George Earl of Totness. Order being given to fit to sea a fleet of 40 ships, the Earl is requested to give order that they may be supplied with proper ordnance and munition. *Underwritten,*

49. I. *List of the ships to be supplied.*

Feb. 23. 50. Classified abstract of the Treasurer's receipts and payments of the three subsidies, and three fifteenths and tenths, until this day. Receipts 278,118*l.* 3*s.* 7¼*d.*; payments 275,915*l.* 3*s.* 5¾*d.*

Feb. 23. Plymouth. 51. Captain John Pennington to Buckingham. On the 6th inst. he despatched 16 unserviceable merchants and colliers with six prizes. Several of them having been driven back are now despatched again. The prize was, and he hopes is, very rich. The captain should be called to account. *Incloses,*

51. I. *List of ships sent from Plymouth to London.*

Feb. 23. 52. Petition of Wm. Warde, Nicholas Dunn, and Lewes Bissett, Buckingham's servants, to the same. Queen Elizabeth granted to one Captain Ward, as a reward for service, 2*d.* on every 1,000 pilchards exported from Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall, and 4*d.* on every hogshead of train [oil] made therefrom, he paying yearly 20 marks for a rent. The petitioners offer 60*l.* rent, and to the Duke four parts of the remainder, reserving one-fifth for collecting. Pray that he will procure them a lease for 31 years.

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Feb. 24. Whitehall. 53. Order of Council. Samuel Pendarvis, having been sent for on the complaint of Sir Robt. Killigrew, is ordered to discharge a bond procured by him from one Paget, and to find arms for six men for the lands he has lately purchased. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 24. Whitehall. 54. Sec. Conway to Lord Chief Justice Crewe. To grant a Habeas Corpus for removing Joseph Prator from the jail of Cirencester to some prison about London, upon occasion for his Majesty's service. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 244.]

Feb. 24. London. 55. Thos. Lord Windsor to Sec. Conway. Mr. Clayton is not a priest, therefore Lord Windsor hopes Sec. Conway will speed his delivery.

Feb. 25. 56. Account of sales of prize goods within the Tower, from January 18, 1626, to this day: total amount 34,445*l.*

Feb. 25. Doctors' Commons. 57. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Sends copies of the examinations respecting the Turkish ship. If a condemnation be desired, there must be a warrant sent first to the place where she is, and executed and returned. *Incloses,*

57. 1. *Copy of a deposition of Thos. Duffield and Hendrick Henderson relating the circumstances of the capture of the ship.* [*See Vol.* xxi. *No.* 30.]

Feb. 25. The Downs. 58. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Great part of the fleet from Plymouth had arrived in the Downs, and in their company four Hamburghers deemed prizes. Information that peace was concluded betwixt the King of France and the Rochellers. Ships sent westward had returned for want of provisions; ships sent to Dieppe with the deer had also returned. Great importance of a better supply of provisions. Is going to put to sea himself, although in a burning fever, caught with adventuring ashore for beer, without which his men might have perished. The St. Claude forced into Dover pier. He had ordered her skipper and boatswain to be sent up to London.

Feb. 25. 59. Thos. Colles, a Roman Catholic priest, to Sec. Conway. Having been pardoned by King James, he had since lived in the Ambassadors house. Prays that he may either have the benefit of his pardon, or be released on giving security to depart the realm.

Feb. 25. Whitehall. 60. Sec. Conway to the Lord Chief Justice Crewe, for the re-examining Christopher Hogg, for speaking scandalous words against the Duke of Buckingham, and the Earl of Rutland. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 245.]

Feb. 25. 61. Examination of Christopher Hogg, taken before Lord Chief Justice Crewe respecting the words spoken by him against the Duke of Buckingham and the Earl of Rutland.

Feb. 26. Custom House. 62. Certificate from the Collectors of Customs in the port of London, that four Dutch ships entered that day, and five others entered on the 23d, all laden with Bordeaux wines, had been cleared by merchants, who had deposed that the wines therein belonged to them.

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Feb. 26. 63. "A true relation of that which passed betwixt the King's Officers and the French Ambassador's followers, by occasion of apprehending English subjects, Papists, that resorted daily to mass to the Ambassador lying in Durham House." [*Probably prepared by Sir Thos. Wilson. It contains the letter of the Council to the Bishop of Durham, dated* 1626, *Feb.* 22, *and the Bishop's warrant to the constables, dated* 1626, *Feb.* 26.]

[Feb. 26.] 64. Map of Durham House and the adjoining residences illustrative of the above transaction. The situations are indicated of "Britain's Burse," and the residences of Sir Thomas Wilson, Sir Wm. Becher, and Sir Thos. Bond.

Feb. 26. 65. Certificate of Capt. Phineas Pett, that John May, Mayor of Rochester, was well skilled in the art of shipbuilding, having been apprenticed to "the famous artist of his time, Mr. Matthew Baker, a master shipwright to Queen Elizabeth and King James."

Feb. 26. Gloucester. 66. W. Guise to Nicholas. The five packs of wool had been appraised at 72*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* Suggests an immediate sale. Other information connected with the estate of Samuel Hopton. His brother takes the suggestion of the Vice Admiralty very kindly.

Feb. 26. Arwenack. 67. Sir. John Killigrew to Sec. Conway. Complains of the conduct of Trewron, a soldier, of Pendennis, and of Lieut. Bonython, in supporting him. Prays for the dismissal of the latter from the command of the King's fort.

Feb. 26. 68. Probate of the will of Ralph Brooke, York Herald, dated July 20, 1619, granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury to Mary Dickins, daughter and sole executrix of the testator.

Feb. 26. Cornbury. 69. Henry Earl of Danby to Sec. Conway. Recommends to his favour Mr. Pagett, Ensign to Capt. Gore in the last voyage to Cadiz. Pagett being quartered in Devonshire, desires letters from the Council for recovery of his goods taken away by friends of his deceased wife.

Feb. 26. 70. Sir Robert Cooke to [the same]. Recommends a brother for military employment.

Feb. 26. / Mar. 8. St. Omer. 71. Letters dimissory and testimonial of Paul Boudot, Bishop of St. Omer, in favour of John Trumbull [Tromble] priest of the Roman Catholic Church, about to transfer himself to another diocese.

Feb. 27. 72. Petition of John Tarant, Post of Andover, and Richd. Miles, Post of Salisbury, to Buckingham. Not having received their pay for six years, they are so indebted that they cannot show their heads. Have attended the Lord Treasurer a month, but cannot obtain a penny. Cannot return home empty, and therefore pray his Grace to take some course for their payment.

Feb. 27. 73. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to Sec. Conway. Had shewn Hogg's examination to the Lord Keeper and Lord Treasurer, who thought it best that he should be returned into the country, be indicted at the Quarter Sessions, and be whipped by order of the Court.

Feb. 27. 74. Extract from the preceding.

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Feb. 27. The Downs. 75. Edward Viscount Wimbledon [still signing "Ed. Cecil."] to Sec. Conway. There is no mean between good fortune and bad in the actions of war. His misfortunes have not only followed, but have accompanied him. Has two sorts of enemies: they that envied the greatness of his command, and they that suffered calamity and misery at their coming home, which is none of his fault. He had not undertaken anything save with the advice of the Council of War. If he had digressed, it would have been to have kept Puntal; which if they had done, they should have been masters of the merchants' Indian fleet. Desires to unburthen himself to the judicious; and beseeches Conway, that if he can give that honest account which Conway may expect, he may not go back in his good opinion. Wishes to wait on the Lord Admiral as soon as he may have leave; resting on shipboard until he receives it by Lord Conway's means.

Feb. 27. From aboard the Rainbow. 76. Sir John Chudleigh to Buckingham. Had arrived in the Downs with the Rainbow, in company of the Anne Royal. Requests directions respecting the Rainbow, which was leaky and defective. Relates the circumstances of his detention at Crookhaven of a bark, containing four priests, from Bilboa. He has the priests, but the bark parted company on the voyage from Ireland.

[Feb. 27?] 77. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to Sec. Coke. The ship whereof the bearer is master came from Lisbon, laden with salt, and was said to be bound for Dantzick, but without bills of lading. It is rumoured that there is treasure under the salt. In a postscript is a certificate that the Indian fleet arrived in Cadiz harbour five days after the English fleet sailed.

Feb. 27. Aboard the Anne Royal. 78. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to [Buckingham]. Details his course from his arrival in Kinsale harbour on December 11, with the capture at Crookhaven of the four Irish priests, whom he describes as Spanish agents, suggesting that "torture will discover all." Commends the great carefulness of Sir Thos. Love, during their stay in Ireland, and suggests that the experience they have gained in this expedition may be a great means to save his Majesty's purse, and be of benefit to the sailor. Stays on shipboard for instructions. For himself he desires no more than the happiness of seeing his Excellency, which he hopes will put an end to all his misery. Two sorts of enemies have had access to the Duke before him: those that envied the greatness of his command, and those that have come home in misery. Whatever their accusations, he will answer them as truly to his Excellency as to God. Has never swerved from the advice of the Council of War. If he had, he would have kept Puntal, which if they had done, they would have been masters of the merchants' fleet which presently arrived in the Bay of Cadiz from the Indies. His Excellency begged in his behalf of the King at Woodstock, that he would not cast his eye upon his success, but upon his care. If he has failed by that rule, then cast him off to all the envy and malice in the world.

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Feb. 27. On board the Anne Royal off Dover.

79. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Relates the various delays they had met with in their passage from Ireland. In this unfortunate journey God's judgment had followed them. There are dead out of that ship above 120, besides many left sick in Ireland. The ship is as unserviceable as the men. Begs the order of the Duke for her coming in, and for his enlargement to recover strength to appear before his Grace.

Feb. 27. Plymouth.

80. Capt. John Pennington to the same. Has written many letters, but in three weeks has received no answer. Has 28 ships ready to sail as soon as they are victualled and supplied with men. The Anne Royal, with the Lord Marshal, passed on the 26th on her way to the Downs. Vehemently urges that if his Grace does not purpose presently to employ him aboard, he will call him from thence, where, besides his daily encounter with mortality and infection, he is so troubled with the clamours of the men, for want of clothes and other relief, that he is weary of his life. Many of the French have fallen sick since they came to eat of the remainder-victuals. Has brought ashore 290 quarters of corn out of the corn prize, 60 quarters were rotten, according to the enclosed attestation. If he had victuals he could man 15 or 16 sail of ships to keep those seas, which would be healthful and of good profit. The Vanguard, and other English ships in the service of France, have gone up to the river of Bordeaux to make stay of our shipping. *Incloses,*

80. I. *Certificate of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and five other persons, that they found at the bottom and lower part of the lading of wheat in the prize ship called the Image of King David, a quantity, estimated at* 60 *quarters, all rotten and unfit for use.* (1626, *Feb.* 24)

Feb. 27. Tavistock.

81. Francis Glanville to Sec. Conway. On behalf of his brother, Wm. Grimes, he requests Lord Conway to give some good words to the Master of the Wards for obtaining the wardship of his son. He also recommends a person who is summoned before the Council.

Feb. 27. Plymouth.

82. Abraham Jennings to Nicholas. Will certify what passed in those parts; at present he need not do so as the bearer, Capt. Mason, will show him all things. Has two parrots for him.

Feb. 27. Westminster.

83. Grant to Edward Nicholas of monies and goods of the value of 350*l.* belonging to the Governor of the Terceiras, brought by Thos. Ryvett within this realm for the benefit of the said Governor, and thereby forfeited to the King. [*Case A., Charles* I., *No.* 7.]

Feb. 28. Whitehall.

Sec. Conway to Henry Lord Clifford. Acknowledges receipt of letters, and promises an account on the first occasion. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 245.]

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The same to [Sackville] Crow. Acknowledging the receipt of his letters, and delivery of them to the Duke of Buckingham. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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84. Certificate of Capt. Phineas Pett. That Charles Lucombe [Lucum] served his apprenticeship under him, and was competent for a master carpenter's place.

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Feb. 28 Whitehall. 85. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. He had not received answers to his letters on account of the want of ready money, but some was providing. Warrants had been sent to the Commissioners of the Navy to prepare to victual, and to the Master of the Ordnance to supply ammunition, according to the words of Pennington's letter. Omitted to write to him as Admiral of the Fleet, because the Duke purposes to go with him himself. The Duke likes well his proposition to go out with some of the ships, whilst the rest are providing. The sooner they could be sent to sea, and with the less noise, the better. He is to send an estimate of the charge. Three ships would be enough. Sir Wm. Russell has no money, and there is no precedent of money being imprested to a Captain. The bearer, Capt. Bardsey, has come to take charge of his ship. Pennington is charged to show him great favour as the Duke's servant, and one that he highly esteems.

Feb. 28. 86. Narrative of the course of public affairs in England, from the entry into the treaties with Spain for the marriage of the present King, and the restoration of the Palatinate, until the present time; written with the view of disabusing the public mind of various prevalent "jealousies, rumours, and misinterpretations" respecting the conduct of the King and the Duke of Buckingham. [*Draft, imperfect. This valuable paper, which is in the form of a letter, is in the handwriting of a clerk of Sec. Conway.*]

Feb. 28. Catwater. 87. Capt. Thos. Philpot to Buckingham. On his return from the expedition to Cadiz he arrived at Milford Haven with the Zouch Phœnix, which he there repaired according as the country could afford materials, but she was still unfit for service, and he should therefore bring her to London. Met at sea many vessels from Ireland and the West country carrying provisions to Bayonne, which were conveyed from thence into Spain, a circumstance which he offered to the Duke's consideration.

Feb. 28. Harwich. 88. Capt. Edmund Button to Nicholas. Reports a cruise along the eastern coast: there were no Dunkirk ships between Harwich and Plymouth. If Capt. Pennington proceeded on his voyage Button desired to be of his squadron.

Feb. 28. 89. Petition of Edwd. Maplesden, James Mayer, and Edward Johnson to Buckingham. Being captains of their own merchant ships, impressed for the King's service, they were sent by Sir Henry Palmer as convoys to Dieppe of his Majesty's present into France. Being forced by weather into the Isle of Wight, and their victuals running short, they victualled their ships at their own charge. On arriving in London they find themselves superseded, which they suppose must have come from some bad information. Pray inquiry and payment of the sums expended in victualling.

Feb. 28. 90. Note of iron ordnance cast by Mr. Browne, according to the reformed weights.

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Feb. 28. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. He is presently to take such of the ablest ships as came lately into the Downs with the Lord Marshal, or from Plymouth, under Capt. Harvey, and to ply up and down off Dunkirk, to meet with some of their ships, and hinder and annoy them as much as possible. He is to keep the sea until forced into harbour through tempest, or until he receive further orders. [*Copy. See Vol.* xxi., *No.* 10.]

[Feb.] 91. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to Sec. Conway. Recommends to his favour Wadland, an old servant of Lord Wallingford's, who had a suit in the Court of Requests against Mr. Pollard.

[Feb.] 92. Petition of Jeremy Cornellis to Buckingham. In consideration of his distressed estate, he prays that his ship, the Anthony, of Ipswich, taken up for the King's service in the Cadiz expedition, may be released and the freight be paid.

[Feb.?] 93. Form of proposed letter from the King to all Archbishops and Bishops, the Ecclesiastical Commission, and all Judges, to permit the Queen's servants born in France, with their wives and children, to exercise their religion in such places as are appointed for that purpose.

[Feb.?] 94. Speech apparently delivered in the House of Commons, by a Member who dissuaded the House from attributing the ill success of the Cadiz expedition to the Duke, and advised that, instead of an impeachment, a collection should be made of the oversights attributed to the Duke, and that the same should be presented to the King in the way of remonstrance.

[Feb.?] 95. The King to Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer Marlborough, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earls of Carlisle and Holland, and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Commission empowering them to consider what manors and lands were fittest to be assured to the Queen for her jointure.

[Feb.?] 96. List of certain manors to be granted in jointure to the Queen, with the yearly values thereof.

[Feb.?] 97. Return of John Bland, Collector of Privy Seals for the County of Middlesex. 42 persons had paid 650*l.*; 585 persons, many being dead or having removed, had not paid. The sums demanded of the latter amounted to 16,205*l.*

[Feb.?] 98. Petition of Michael Matthews, Yeoman of his Majesty's Chamber in Ordinary, to the "right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." Prays that he may be appointed to the company of Capt. Porter, who had died in the Isle of Scilly.

[Feb.?] 99. Minutes of letters and petitions to the Duke of Buckingham, made by Nicholas, to be submitted to his Grace; with his decisions upon them, written in the margin. They relate to the appointments of Sir Wm. Guise, as Vice Admiral of co. Gloucester, and of Lieut. Matthews to succeed Capt. Porter; the dispute between Peter Cannon and Peter Dibbs; the petition of Joos Arnault; obtaining a

discharge under the Great Seal for about 9,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* taken out of the prizes at Plymouth by the Duke's command; obtaining a warrant for 1,400*l.* or 1,500*l.* unclaimed in the Mint, to be paid to the Duke; and various other matters then pending.

[Feb. ?] 100. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Report on petition to the Duke from Joos Arnault, of Calais. Sir John finds the petitioner to be a dweller in Calais, and to be there held to be a subject of France. He therefore thinks the Duke may release him. *Attached,*

100. I. *Petition of the said Joos Arnault to Buckingham:—Coming to Dover to make a claim in the Court of Admiralty, he was detained as a subject of Spain; having procured the annexed attestation, Sir John Hippisley allowed him to come to London on bail; prays for his release. Underwritten is a reference to Sir John Hippisley for his opinion.* 1626, *Feb.* 27. *Attached,*

100. II. *Certificate from the Mayor and Eschevins of Calais, under their Municipal Seal, attesting that Joos Arnault was a resident in Calais.* 1626, *Feb.* $\frac{7}{17}$.

[Feb. ?] 101. Buckingham to Sir Wm. St. Leger. Directs him respecting the management of the troops at Plymouth. The Colonel, Lieut. Colonels, Serjeant-Majors, Corporals of the Field, and Quartermasters, being discharged, the Provost may also be discharged, his place being supplied by the Commissioners at Plymouth. The Surgeons are still to be kept in pay. The wages of the Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, are to be increased by an assignment of dead pays, allowance to be made for the first cleaning of the arms. The broken companies to be distributed. When these things are settled, Sir Wm. St. Leger may come away. [*Minute.*]

[Feb. ?] 102. Petition of Robert Earl of Essex, Robert Lord Willoughby, Sir James Levingston, and Sir John Borlase, Colonels of the four English regiments in his Majesty's pay, in the service of the States, to the Council. Having information "from thence" that the money for payment of the troops was exhausted, and that there was no possibility of payment either from the States or otherwise, the petitioners represent that part of the regiments in garrison at Bergen-op-Zoom, had already fallen into a mutiny, and they fear that the same inconveniences may follow which were prevented some months since by the happy being of the Duke at the Hague.

[Feb. ?] 103. Note of things that are of present consideration.—Payment of the King of Denmark to be made out of the money to be obtained by Mr. Sackville Crow, at Amsterdam. Money wanted for the four regiments in the Low Countries. Troops needed in Ireland. Regiments returned with the fleet to be removed and stationed along the coast.

[Feb. ?] 104. Statement of the case of John Heamish, a Roman Catholic prisoner in co. Salop. Having procured a coronation pardon it is desired that my L [ord] C [onway] would have him brought before his Lordship and disposed of according to justice.

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[Feb. ?] 105. Francis Michell to Sec. Conway. Had been secretary to six great persons, one of whom was Lord Burgh, Lord Deputy of Ireland, who often spoke much good of Conway. The good he saw is now advanced to great eminency; and it may be said of Conway, as of a Secretary to the Emperor Charles, that he so marshalled his employments and favour with his master, as he made the one give way to put on the other, and the greater oppression he saw the more was his diligence to help the afflicted. Entreats him to read the annexed petition, and to favour the petitioner, as one who coming into question in a troublesome time fell, although innocent, from eminent place and fortune to beggary, and to be table-prattle *pro et contra. Annexed,*

104. I. *Petition of the same to the King. Sets forth his sentence, all which had been remitted by King James, except the inability to bear office and the degradation from Knighthood, and those King James would have taken away had he lived. States his past services to the late King and Queen, and entreats for the grace customarily shewn at coronations.*

[Feb. ?] 106. Brief declaration of all the manors which are to be granted in jointure to the Queen, with their values as certified by the Auditors. The total revenue from the manors is 4,111*l.* 8*s.* 1¼*d.*, to which is added in fee-farm rents, 14,055*l.* 0*s.* 3½*d.*, total 18,166*l.* 8*s.* 4¾*d.* The houses to be granted to the Queen, in addition to Somerset House, were the Castle of Pontefract, the Manor of Oatlands, Nonsuch House, and the Park of Hanslopp.

[Feb. ?] 107. Petition of John Wood, master of the John, of Preston, to the Duke of Buckingham. The petitioner's ship, being one of those prepared for transportation of the goods of the Scottish nobility now in England, has been stayed at Gravesend. Prays for its release.

[Feb. ?] 108. Petition of the town of Leith and divers of the nobility and gentry of Scotland to the King. Edinburgh, unknown to the King and his progenitors, has acquired a charter called "Aurea Magna Carta Edinburgi," under which they encroach on the King's prerogative, and oppress the petitioners, consisting of divers thousands, in their bodies and goods. Pray that certain fresh privileges recently obtained by Edinburgh without the Commissioners of Leith being heard may be cancelled, and thatthe King would hear them and their opponents in the presence of the Privy Council of Scotland then in London.

[Feb. ?] 109. Petition of the town of Leith to the King. His Majesty having given order on their former petition, they set forth certain specific articles which they pray the King to order for their relief.

[Feb. ?] 110. Petition of William Engelbert to the High Court of Parliament. Offers to destroy the harbours of Dunkirk and St. Lucar, and proposes that when that has been accomplished, word should be sent to the King of Spain, that if he did not deliver the Palatinate "without quirks or quillets," all his other harbours should be overthrown. The petitioner has a model of his engine of destruction ready to shew to a committee.

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1626. [Feb. ?] 111. Minutes of various businesses to be submitted by Nicholas to the Duke of Buckingham. Amongst them the suggested proclamation to stay conveyance of lead to Dunkirk by way of Calais; also commission to deal with prizes; money wanting for victualling the St. Andrew at Bristol, so that she may be brought about to Plymouth; complaints of Cannon against Dibbs, &c.

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1626. March 1. 1. Warrant, under the hand of Sir Heneage Finch, Speaker, for the Council of War, nominated by an Act passed in the last Parliament of King James, to appear on the Friday then next [the 3d inst.] in the Commons House of Parliament, to give an account of their proceedings. [*Copy. Dated, by mistake, "This First day of Februarie, Anno Dom.*, 1625." *See Journ. House Com.* I. 826.]

March 1. 2. Instructions sent [by the Sec. of State to the Members of the Council of War] as to the answer proper to be given by them when the above summons should be brought to them by the Serjeant-at-arms.

March 1. 3. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Explains the course to be taken to procure the condemnation of the ship captured from Turkish pirates by the five men.

March 1. 4. Petition of Thos. Philpot in behalf of Edward Knowlles, merchant, to "the right gracious prince, George Duke of Buckingham." A pardon granted by the Duke as High Admiral to the said Edwd. Knowlles, having been drawn up incompletely, the petitioner prays that the same may be rectified.

March 1. Leicester. 5. Justices of co. Leicester to the Council. In compliance with directions in letters dated Aug. 31 last. They had taken examinations concerning misdemeanours charged against John Everard, conductor for co. Leicester, and they now send up the examinations. *Inclosed,*

5. I. *Examination of Nicholas Brat*, 1625, *Oct.* 5.

5. II. *The like of Everard Preston*, 1625, *Oct.* 5.

5. III. *The like of Thos. Taylor*, 1625, *Oct.* 14.

5. IV. *The like of Edmond Moses*, 1625, *withou month or day.*

5. V. *The like of Anthony Eaton*, 1625, *Oct.* 14.

5. VI. *The like of Humphrey Bland*, 1625, *Oct.* 14.

5. VII. *Paper signed by T. Meautys, Clerk of the Council, specifying the charges brought against John Everard.*

March 1. 6. Petition of John Duckett and five others, merchants of London, to Buckingham. Pray for the release of ships bound for Calais, laden before the prohibition, with cargoes worth 30,000*l.*, but containing some parcels of lead and rice.

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March 1. The Downs. 7. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. Reports intelligence that three Dunkirk men-of-war had attacked the Assurance. Has captured a small ketch containing lead. Desires instructions for his fleet to the Northward. Few of the new Captains had come to their charges.

March 1. 8. Sir Allen Apsley to Robt. Hooker, Purser of the "drombler" the George. To repair on board to receive provisions.

March 1. 9. Certificate of Capt. John Harvey, that the Friendship, of London, is a strong timbered ship, but a slug in sailing.

March 2. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. In behalf of Mr. John Balcanquall, for the next prebend's place in Rochester, and in the mean time to be admitted his Lordship's chaplain. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

March 2. 10. Petition of Samuel Pauson, Theophilus Wright, and Archibald Niccols to Buckingham. The Scottish ship seized by them at Dover having been taken from them by the King's authority, they pray the Duke that he would procure them satisfaction for their losses out of the goods in the said ship.

March $\frac{2}{12}$. Amsterdam. 11. Sackville Crow to Sec. Coke. Acknowledges receipt of letters of Feb. 14, which, "though they come not justified with" his hand, he shall act upon. Refers to his letters to "my Lord" [the Duke] for a particular account of the state they are in.

March 2. 12. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Edward Maplesden and three others, masters of the merchant ships taken up for the King's service, had been allowed to continue masters of their own ships, with Buckingham's approbation, but not having been formally appointed are now dismissed. The Commissioners give them high commendation, and appeal to the Duke to continue them by his warrant.

March 2. 13. Sir Thomas Playters, Sir John Wentworth, and Sir John Rous to the same. Recommend to his consideration the petition of the poor distressed fishermen of Suffolk and Norfolk, and desire him to appoint a convoy for their ships to Iceland and the North Seas. [*Copy.*]

March 2. Aboard the Entrance. 14. Sir Henry Palmer to the same. Had been aboard most of the returned ships, and found them unserviceable. If men and provisions were forthwith sent, would fit out the Rainbow, the Garland, the Dreadnought, three of the colliers, his own ship and two prizes, and hoped with them he might effect something. In the meantime, would send out two of the best sailers to discover the force and intentions of the enemy. Has entreated the assistance of Sir Thos. Love and Sir John Chudleigh. Desires a warrant for pilots. Has stayed an Irish bark laden with hogshead staves intended, as he thinks, for Dunkirk.

March 3. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mr. Recorder [Sir Heneage Finch.] For the release of William Sturley, apprehended and put into Newgate for a priest, upon sufficient bail. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

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March 3. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Heneage Finch as Speaker. Excusing his [Lord Conway's] non-attendance on the House of Commons, as one of the Council of War, by reason of sickness. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

[March 3.] 15. Heads upon which the Council of War were to answer.

March 3. 16. Question propounded by the House of Commons to the Council of War.

March 3. 17. Copy of the same question.

[March 3.] 18. Another copy of the same question, with an undersigned opinion [of Attorney General Heath] that the Act of Parliament [under which the Council of War was appointed] did not require its members to make answer.

March 3. 19. Fuller statement of the opinion of Attorney General Heath. He sets forth the four particular applications of the money specified in the Act of Parliament; and is of opinion that the House of Commons has no right, except to inquire whether or not the money had been applied to those purposes.

March 3. 20. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Received the inclosed last night; seeing it is gone so far, he will try what fortune God will send that way. Wishes his employment by the Duke had gone forward as it was determined, hoping then to have requited Nicholas's love. Has followed the Duke more than two years from place to place by his command, and spent more than 300*l.*, but is now out of hope. Prays the Duke may be well served, and his honour not be touched through the follies of presuming and ignorant men. If the Duke would furnish him but with one ship, and leave the employment to his own courses, he would soon find the benefit. *Incloses,*

20. 1. *Thos. Paynter to Capt. Richd. Gyffard. By his master's order he is to go to Portsmouth to receive Capt. Gyffard's ship and prepare her for sea. Will take workmen from Shoreham with him.* [1626, *Feb.* 25.]

March 3. 21. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. The Samuel, of London, could not be again employed until she had been new sheathed.

March 3. Doctors' Commons. 22. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Had examined the evidence against the Danish ship stayed at Bristol, and could not pick out anything whereby she deserves to be stayed. In all his observation he never knew a ship detained after examination of the parties, unless they had some proof to charge her. The King of Demark is as choleric for his subjects as any whosoever.

March 3. 23. Henry Norwood to Buckingham. In his travels into France, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey, he had attained many useful arts fit for the service of a warlike prince. Tenders himself for employment by his King and country. The Turkish pirates are harboured in many places in the Netherlands. When at Flushing he redeemed 38 English and 11 French slaves, who had been in bondage for various periods, some even for 12 years. The arts he has acquired relate to the manufacture of fire-works and secret contrivances for use in war.

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March 3. The Downs. 24. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Sir Hen. Palmer and himself had surveyed the ships returned from Ireland, and found them altogether unserviceable. The Rainbow and the Dreadnought could not be made capable of service; the Anne Royal was still worse, and the men that are in her not able to defend much less to offend. The four priests shall be sent up.

March 3. Sandown Castle. 25. The same to Nicholas. The Duke had commanded him there, but to little purpose, for the ships were unfit for service, Requests Nicholas to procure leave for him to come up and send his ship to Chatham.

[March 3.] 26. John Millington to Gilbert Millington. The Lower House had sent to the Duke to know, why he stays the French ship after sentence in the Ecclesiastical Court and express order of the Council. Our Ambassadors were stayed in France, and Montagu detained at Calais. Col. Cecil [Viscount Wimbledon] had arrived.

March 3. Battersea. 27. Oliver Viscount Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe. Has been forced to stay at Battersea by ill health for seven months. Lord Conway has told him that Sir Thos. Phillips's commission to be Ambassador at Constantinople is under the Seal, and that he is presently to go thither. Is extremely glad of the hope of seeing his niece and Sir Thos. He will find "a scarce time," but Lord Grandison hopes God will provide a fortune for him. Lord Grandison purposes to put himself into Dr. Mayerne's hands, who desires to have Lord Grandison lodged near him. He has therefore entreated Sir John Finett to let him have the keys of Sir Thos.'s house for two months, giving Sir Thos. contentment.

March 4. 28. Minute of Council that the Earl of Arundel, on signification of his Majesty's pleasure, was sequestered from the Council table.

March 4. Exeter. 29. Mayor of Exeter to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. John Levermore having been chosen Warden for the Poor refused to serve. Suggests that he should be sent for to answer his neglect before the Council.

March 4. Aboard the Entrance. 30. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. The Assurance came yesterday into the Downs. The rumours concerning her engagement with the Dunkirkers unfounded. If a good number of sailors were sent down he would soon fit up the ships, which now can neither be put to sea nor with safety be left in the road.

March 4. 31. Petition of Lieven Danielson and Jacob Jacobson to the same, for restitution of 10 sakers and 1,000 weight of powder, removed from their ship the St. Andrew, of Amsterdam, which had been stayed, but was released by the Court of Admiralty.

March 4. 32. Petition of John Geffrard and Rene Chevallier, French merchants, to the "most gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." Coming passengers with merchandize by the St. Claude and Hope, of Calais, they were carried into Plymouth by Sir Francis Stewart; the Duke being there at the time, they petitioned him for restoration

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of their goods; his Grace referred them to the Judge of the Admiralty; they have now been 5 months in London at an expense of 120*l.*, which they have been obliged to borrow; Gabriel Marsh having taken from them their money, jewels, and even clothes, Pray for redress. *Inclose,*

32. I. *Copy of notarial attestation of a receipt given on Oct.* 11, 1625, *by Gabriel Marsh for a gold chain, a hatband of emrodes, and various sums in coin, found in ships lately brought into Plymouth.*

32. II. *Memorandum of other things taken by Gabriel Marsh from Rene Chevallier.*

March 4. Plymouth. 33. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Has received no letter this month or more, although he has repeatedly solicited that their wants might be supplied. If money be not presently sent down, he must discharge the men, and let the ships ride destitute. Mr. Clifton [Mr. Lieutenant's deputy] will hardly be able to supply them for 10 days longer. Has 29 ships ready to sail at 24 hours' warning if they had victuals and men. If the ships are not intended to be employed as formerly resolved, part of them might free the coast of Turks and other pirates which take our ships daily. Entreats that he may have the money sent down for which he stands engaged, which is about 700*l.* If not sent presently it will break his heart, for he is so followed and called upon for money that he knows not what to do. Begs also for 200*l.* on his entertainment. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Names of the ships that he had prepared, with their burthen and number of guns.*

33. II. *Names and tonnage of the French ships he had fitted up.*

March 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To stay proceedings against Lord Morley, who had taken the oath of allegiance and been at church. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246].

March 5. 34. [The same] to Buckingham. Explains the circumstances under which he moved his Majesty to allow Lord Moore to surrender to his son, Sir Charles Moore, a company of horse in Ireland, which had been deemed an interference with the interest or patronage of the Duke. [*Copy.*]

March 5. Aboard the Entrance. 35. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. In favour of Captain Bushell, who was like to come into trouble about staying the French ship.

March 5. Harwich. 36. Reinold Newe and three others to Wm. Burrell, one of the Commissioners of the Navy. Their ship [the Francis Bonaventure] had met with a disaster, which had rendered it necessary that she be put ashore at Harwich. *Underwritten,*

36. I. *The Commissioners of the Navy to* ——. *Send him the above letter. The ship should be brought about to a dry dock.*

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March 6. 37. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Was not at the last sessions by reason of his employment in Parliament. It seems that the person alluded to in Lord Conway's letter [1625, *March* 3,] remains a prisoner by special direction of the sessions of gaol delivery. It will not, therefore, be fit for Sir Heneage to bail him, but he will inquire the cause of the order, and if it may be dispensed with, he will send to those who held that sessions to take bail.

March 7. Westminster. Grant of incorporation of Sion College, London, with power to purchase lands in mortmain, to the extent of 240*l.* per annum, over and above 160*l.* per annum devised by Dr. Thos. White, late vicar of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 141.]

March 7. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Gives account of the signification of his Majesty's pleasure sent to the Earl of Bristol, with the Earl's answer. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

March 7. Answer given by the Council of War to the question propounded to them by the House of Commons; with the reply of the House of Commons. [*See Vol.* xxii., *No.* 17.]

March 7. 38. Another copy of the reply of the House of Commons.

March 7. Plymouth. 39. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. The Cameleon, the Amity, and two prizes had arrived: one of the prizes was from Ireland, the ship taken from the Turks by the five sailors, who deserved reward for their valiant exploit. She is fit for a fire ship. Pennington is ready to lay down his life for the Duke's service, but earnestly entreats him to have a care that his [Pennington's] reputation be not stained for want of money to satisfy those whom he had rather perish than not content.

March 7. London. 40. John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton, Ambassador at the French Court. Congratulates him on the hope of a good conclusion to his French embassy. Proceedings of the Parliament with reference to the Council of War, and to a summons sent by them to the Duke of Buckingham to answer for the management of the French affairs. Return of Glanville and Lord Wimbledon. The latter blames Sir Wm. St. Leger. Decision of the House of Lords that no Peer should hold more than one proxy. The Duke had 11 proxies, the Lord Chamberlain 8. The Duke had passed through the streets carried on men's shoulders in a Spanish chair. The Queen had acted in a masque, which would once have been thought a strange sight. Brabbling with the French Ambassador, respecting the apprehension of persons coming from mass in his house. Dr. Prideaux called to account for a false return for Oxford University. Contest between a Persian Ambassador and Sir Robt. Sherley. The Earl of Arundel committed to the Tower for a match between his son and the Duchess of Lennox's daughter, whom the King intended for the Earl of Argyle's son.

March 7. St. Martin's Lane. 41. Henry Gibb to Sec. Conway. Recommends Sir Walter Covert, the son, who has a great desire for employment in Ireland.

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March 7. 42. Sir Walter Covert the younger to Sec. Conway. Being presented to his Lordship by Mr. Henry Gibb, Sir Walter gives an account of his past services, and solicits employment.

March 7. 43. Commissioners of the Navy to Capt. John Pennington. Request him to discharge Peter Hollway, surgeon of the Isaac, of Ipswich, on account of his indisposition.

[March 7.] 44. Petition of James Huggessen, junr., to the right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham.—Prays that the Greyhound, of Dover, taken by his Majesty's fleet into Portsmouth, may be brought into Dover.

March 8. Deal. 45. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. The importunity of the officers of the ships induced him to represent their defects and inabilities. Victuals almost spent and beer altogether. The ships want cables, anchors, and sails. The men dying daily. Those who are well, mutinous. Suggests that the ships should be sent to Chatham. There are no ships in Dunkirk Road

March 8. Beeston, near Norwich. 46. Sir Charles Cornwallis to Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey. The complaints of his neighbours have compelled him out of mere compassion to attend to their just fears. Had laid a watch on some of the sea-coasts, to prevent their being suddenly surprised in their beds. Sends a letter just received, and hopes in a case of such imminent peril to receive orders to justify the Dep. Lieuts. in doing what is needed in prevention of present dangers. *Incloses,*

46. 1. *Bailiff of Yarmouth to Sir Charles Cornwallis. Beyond their means they had been endeavouring to fortify their town. A Dunkirker of* 160 *tons took out of the Roads near Southwold, on Sunday last, in view of the townsmen, a ship of* 100 *tons. The town's people endeavouring to rescue her, were beaten from their ordnance by the enemy, who shot into the town in contempt. Messengers from Sir John Wentworth since apprise them that a fleet is upon the coast, supposed with intent to make some present invasions. They appeal to him for aid.*

March 8. 47. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Suggest that he should order the Samuel and the Peter to be sent round from Portsmouth to London; also, that directions should be given for repairing the St. George, at Portsmouth, and the Reformation, in Ireland; that the Happy Entrance required to be taken into dock; also, the Garland, in which, as they had written before, the leakage of beer into the ballast had caused a great infection and mortality.

March 8. 48. Account of what passed at an interview between the King and the Earl of Totness respecting the answer given by the Council of War to the House of Commons. The King approved the answer; said, if the Council had given any other answer, he should have called them to account for it, and commanded them, if again required by the Commons to appear, not to make any other answer, until his pleasure were signified to them.

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March 8. 49. Speaker's warrant for the Council of War to appear on the morrow at nine of the clock in the forenoon, in the Commons House of Parliament, to give an account of their proceedings. [*Copy.*]

March 8. Colchester. 50. William Vickers, John Randall, and Nathaniel Strickson to Sir John Suckling. Sir John being "a member of the Royal House of Parliament," and "a good common weal's man," they give him information of a secret exportation of powder to Spain, by two of the best rich men in the town of Colchester. This was done at a time when gunpowder could not be got under 18*d.* a pound, nor in sufficient quantity. *Inclose,*

50. I. *Information of Jonas Legge.*

50. II. *Further information of the same.*

March 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Acquaints him that the whole Council of War are again summoned to the Parliament, and desires to know his Majesty's pleasure, if he will direct them anything. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

March 9. 51. Account of what passed at an interview between the Earl of Totness, Viscount Grandison, and the King, respecting the answers given that day by the Council of War in the House of Commons. The Earl besought the King to regard his own ends. It were better they should be imprisoned than be the occasion of missing necessary subsidies, or of breeding any difference between the King and the House of Commons. The King replied, "Let them do what they list, you shall not go to the Tower. It is not you they aim at, but it is me upon whom they make inquisition; and for subsidies, that will not hinder it. Gold may be bought too dear, and I thank you for your offer." He added, that he had taken advice, they were not bound to answer, and if they had answered he should have been displeased with them.

March 9. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Heneage Finch, Speaker. Excusing his non-attendance on the House of Commons, by reason of sickness. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

March 9. Scarborough. 52. Bailiffs of Scarborough to the Lord President and Council of the North. At that time there were in sight of the town some [*torn off*] of Dunkirk men-of-war; and they say as many [more are on] the coast. The day before, they took a ship coming out of the Humber, and have probably taken others, and would take many more. They are waiting for the fleet from Newcastle.

March 9. 53. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. The St. James, one of the prizes, being appointed for further service, must have her ordnance shifted, which belongs to ships which are cleared by the Parliament. He is requested to procure a warrant for her proceeding to Greenhithe for that purpose.

March 9. 54. The same to George Earl of Totness [addressed as Lord Carew,] Master of the Ordnance. They request him, under the circumstances stated in the preceding letter, to furnish the St. James with 18 sakers.

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March 9. 55. Minute of two petitions to the Duke of Buckingham: one from the Deputies of Rochelle, that a ship called Le Don de Dieu, taken by Capt. Borry, under a commission from the town of Rochelle, but stayed by Sir John Eliot, at Dartmouth, may be released; and the other from Mons. Soubise, for the withdrawal of warrants granted by officers of the Admiralty for seizing some of his fleet brought by him into England.

[March 10.] 56. Draft of a preamble of a further answer suggested to be given by the Council of War to the House of Commons.

March 10. 57. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. His Majesty having taken into consideration the answer required by the House to the question propounded to the Council of War, has given order to send to Lord Conway and the rest, a form of answer from which they must not vary. *Incloses,*

57. 1. *Form of answer as settled by the King, and, in two places, altered in his own hand. The preamble is in accordance with the previous article. The substance of the reply is, that the King is well pleased that the Council should give an account of their disbursements, but that he has forbidden them to divulge their counsels.*

[March 10.] 58. Copy of the answer as settled by the King.

[March 10.] 59. Another copy, with an addition suggested by Lord Conway.

March 10. 60. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Has acquainted the King with the desired addition to the answer. It is his Majesty's pleasure that the words should stand in a form which Sir John Coke quotes, and which is substantially an adoption of Sec. Conway's suggested alteration.

March 10. 61. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The Desire had been cut down and was ready for service. Thos. Askew is recommended to take charge of her.

March 10. 62. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to Buckingham. Pray for a convoy for a cloth fleet of six ships, and carrying about 14,000 or 15,000 cloths, to Hamburgh.

March 10. Bury St. Edmunds. 63. Commissioners of Subsidy for Suffolk to the Council, who had pointed out to them that in the 1st of Queen Elizabeth, the subsidy from Suffolk was 6,828*l.* 3*s.* 0½*d.*; and that in the 18th of King James it came but to 2,137*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* The Commissioners attribute the falling off to the decay of the trade of clothing, the extent and effects of which in their own county they set forth.

March 10. Whitehall. Sec. Conway and Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household, to William Vickers, John Randall, and Nathaniel Strickson of Colchester. Giving them thanks for their discovery of the transporting of gunpowder, and desiring their further aid for apprehending the offenders. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 246.]

March 10. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Concerning the answers to be given to the question of the Parliament, by the Council of War. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 247]

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March 10. 64. Petition of Thos. Ivett, Master Gunner of the Garland, to Buckingham :—Having served many years, and being aged, he prays that he may resign his place to his son, Zaccheus Ivett. Underwritten is the certificate of John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, of the sufficiency of Ivett, the son.

March 10. 65. Petition of Bernardino Benzi and others, merchants of Venice, to the King, for permission to reload, without payment of customs, goods brought from Venice in the Faith, of London, but not vendible in England.

March 10. 66. Peter Come Jans to [the Council ?]. Relates circumstances of his voyage in the St. James, of Dantzick, from that place into Norway, and thence to Lisbon, where, after long detention, he set sail for Amsterdam, but being driven into Kinsale, he was there stayed by Sir Thos. Love and Lord Wimbledon, and his ship brought round to Portsmouth. Prays for its release and the restoration of his goods, some of which had been unladen by order of Sir Thos. Love. [*Translation from the Dutch.*]

March 11. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. Laying down the wants in the Isle of Wight, and desiring supplies for payment of the soldiers, and furnishing the castles for defence. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 11. Doncaster. 67. Wm. Viscount Ayr to John Earl of Annandale. Sends letters found on a person who lies under suspicion, to be delivered into the King's own hands.

March 11. 68. Answer, or proposed answer, of such of the Council of War as appeared in the House of Commons to the question put to them by the House. They had observed the directions of the House in the employment of the monies voted, and were ready to yield an account, but they conceived it not safe to reveal their counsels.

March 11. 69. Answer of "my Lord," [*i.e.* Lord Conway,] as a Member of the Council of War, to the question propounded by the House of Commons. [It appears from an endorsement that the answer was delivered (Lord Conway being unwell) to Sir Dudley Digges, Sir Thos. Hoby, and Sir John Eliot. It was reported to the House by Sir Dudley Digges "from the Committee." *Journ. of Ho. of Commons*, I., 835.]

March 11. Haverfordwest. 70. Dep. Lieuts. of Pembrokeshire to the Council. Report their proceedings with reference to the 108 soldiers brought to Haverfordwest by the Zouch Phœnix, and since sent to Plymouth according to directions. Had received from the collector of the subsidy on account of the expenses 148*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; there remained a balance due to them of 13*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, which they ask to have paid; and remind the Council of 180*l.* due to the county for coat and conduct money for 100 men sent to Plymouth for the Cadiz expedition.

[March 11.] 71. Queries against the Duke of Buckingham, grounded on public fame, and delivered into the House of Commons by Dr. Turner.

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March 11. 72. Another copy of Dr. Turner's queries, varying considerably in form from the preceding.

March 11. 73. Another copy, varying from both the preceding.

[March 11.] 74. Petition of Thos. Hayward, John Chadsley, and John Halsey to the King. Pray his Majesty's letters to the King of Denmark to grant them licence, for 20 years, for 3 ships to fish at Wardhouse, and on the coast of Russia and Lapia. *Underwritten,*

74. I. *Reference to the Secs. Conway and Coke.*

74. II. *Sir John Coke to* [*the Latin Secretary*]. *That a Latin letter be made ready as desired.* 1626, *March* 31.

March 11. Burton Constable. 75. Henry Viscount Dunbar to Buckingham. Capture of six vessels by ships of Dunkirk at the mouth of the Humber, also of a ship of Yarmouth bound for Iceland, and of 17 others, one laden with alum worth 1,300*l.*

March 11. Plymouth. 76. Capt. Thos. Bardsey to Nicholas. Arrived at Plymouth on the 9th, where he found his ship, with the rest, well fitted, saving with victuals and men. His prize had arrived at Portsmouth. She contains 15 tons of iron, and the rest timber. Begs him to move the Duke that he might reap some benefit by her. Will deal freely with Nicholas, and share his fortunes equally with him. *Incloses,*

76. I. *Memorandum in explanation of a charge of having dealt improperly with a chest of camphor, certain red hides, and three elephant's teeth.*

March 11. 77. A true relation, signed by Wm. Gould and 12 others of the crew of the Friendship, and also by John Smart, senr., pilot, of the imperfections and inefficiency of that ship.

March 11. Barmeston. 78. Sir Thos. Finch and Sir Thos. Metham to Emanuel Lord Scrope, Lord President of the North. Three Dunkirk men-of-war were hovering on the coast near Scarborough. They had taken 13 ships and barks, amongst them a vessel containing alum. The Dunkirkers brag that there are 30 ships more ready to come forth for the English Coast.

March 11. 79. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. Having daily reports of the strength and number of the shipping in Dunkirk, the Duke directs Sir Henry to keep together in the Downs as many of the ships in the King's service as he may with safety and convenience, and the longer he can keep them the better it will be taken. The ships that are most able, he is to send out to meet the Dunkirkers, and he is to call on such of the States men-of-war as are near to join in that service. [*Copy.*]

March 12. Deal. 80. Sir Thos Love to Nicholas. The Dutchman's papers were in the Lord Marshal's custody; but Sir Thos. had about 100*l.* in money of that man's, which he hoped to present to the Duke, being confident his Grace would give order for his enlargement, having been ashore five or six days, and being wondrous unwilling to go back amongst the sick men and into the nasty ship.

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March 12. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Concerning the speech of Dr. Turner and Mr. Harvey in the Parliament House against his Grace. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 12. The Tower. 81. Sir Allen Apsley to the same. Thos. Canne was desirous of assigning his place as Purser of the Triumph to his son-in-law, Thomas Fettiplace.

March 12. Deal. 82. Sir Thomas Love to the same. The ships in the Downs returned from Ireland are totally unserviceable. The provisions are exhausted, and the poor, weak, and sick men take it ill to be stayed where they die daily. Entreats that the ships may have orders to come about, and that he may come overland to wait on his Grace.

March 12. The Downs. 83. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. The St. George, if well fitted, would be one of the most serviceable ships. The ships stayed in the Downs are in an extremely weak state. Desires a special warrant for pilots. His own ship is very foul; asks that till she be trimmed, he may remove into the Garland.

March 12. The Downs. 84. The same to Buckingham. None of the returned ships can remain in the Downs without suffering from hunger, and, if it should blow, from great danger. Had been at sea with five ships and had a chase into Dunkirk Road. The want of power to take up pilots a great hindrance.

March 12. The Downs. 85. The same to Nicholas. Sends up Danl. Urry about the St. Peter at Dover. If the Duke would grant her to Sir Henry, he would afford Nicholas a share in her. *Annexed,*

85. 1. *Warrant of the Duke of Buckingham authorizing Sir Henry Palmer to take the St. Peter into his fleet, and appoint a Captain to her.* 1625, *Nov.* 23. [*Copy.*]

March 12. 86. Part of a Diary or Report of Sir Henry Palmer, setting forth his employments and services. This part extends from 1626, Jan. 3 to this day.

[March 13.] [Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy.] The Peter and the Samuel are to be brought round from Portsmouth, the lading of the former being laid up in the warehouse at that place. The St. George is to be repaired at Portsmouth, and the Reformation in Ireland. The Commissioners are to carry out their advice respecting the Happy Entrance, Sir Henry Palmer removing into the Garland. [*Draft in the handwriting of Nicholas. See Vol.* xxii. *No.* 84.]

March 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Concerning the dangerous case of Rochelle, that his Majesty may be acquainted with it, and information sent to his Majesty's Ambassador at Paris. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 13. The Savoy. 87. George Earl of Totness to Sec. Coke. Sends certificate of John Reynolds, the Master Gunner, concerning the proof of light iron

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ordnance; if more are to be made the Earl wishes to make known an explanation given by John Browne, the gunfounder. *Incloses,*

87. 1. *John Reynolds to George Earl of Totness. Had proved at Millhall, co. Kent, six pieces of iron ordnance made by John Browne. He had fulfilled his contract, but by reason of the lightness of these pieces they would deliver their shot uncertainly.* 1626, *March* 8. [*Copy certified by the Earl of Totness.*]

March 13. 88. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Incloses a letter for the Duke, with some proposals for Gyffard's service, which he urges very strongly on the attention of Nicholas. If the Duke will not employ him he will cease to trouble him. *Incloses,*

88. 1. *Capt. Richard Gyffard to Buckingham. Has attended the Duke for more than 2 years without finding opportunity to receive his Grace's pleasure. The ill success of the late sea employments has much weakened the strength of England, and the world's eye is upon the Duke; others commit the fault, but the Duke is subject to the censure. He could impart the means of establishing an invincible navy for ever. Entreats his attention, as to a thing which much concerns his honour.*

March 13. Dover. 89. William Jones to Matthew De Quester, postmaster for foreign service. The Governor of Calais had arrested Charles le Camp, and vowed to be revenged on all Englishmen for the affront offered at Dover to the French Ambassador. He had also arrested all English ships and merchandize at Calais. They use our men more like dogs than Christians. His Majesty's ketch arrested, her muskets taken, and her sails, not taken off, but in a cruel malice cut from their yards. The French goods at Dover had been released by order of the Duke, and it is hoped those at London will also be cleared.

March 13. 90. Minute of the contents of the above letter.

March 13. Newport in the Isle of Wight. 91. Sir Edward Denys, Collector of Loans on Privy Seals in the Isle of Wight, to the Council. Had received 190*l.*, of which he had disbursed 150*l.* for sick and lame soldiers landed on that island, and the remainder would not be sufficient to supply their further necessities. *Incloses,*

91. 1. *Note of the Privy Seals sent into the Isle of Wight, showing who had paid and who had not.*

March 13. London. 92. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Certificate in confirmation of the truth of a petition of the owners of the William and Francis of London, being Eastland merchants.

March 13. 93. The same to the same. Had received his warrant for payment to Capt. Pennington, whilst he was employed in preparing a fleet appointed to lie before Dunkirk, and served in the Garland, as Admiral of that fleet, for his entertainment, after the rate of 3*l.* per diem,

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Conceive it to be their duty to acquaint his Grace with the precedents of former times for similar employments. Lord Thos. Howard, then Earl of Suffolk, in the late Admiral's time, had 5 marks *per diem;* Sir Richard Leveson, when he took the carrack St. Valentine, obtained 30*s.* per diem; the Lord Admiral when he transported the Lady Elizabeth had 4*l.* per diem; and although the Earl of Oxford for his employment in the Narrow Seas got 3*l.* per diem, that allowance was given in regard of the quality of his person, which is a sufficient reason to reduce Capt. Pennington to the more moderate rate of what was granted to Sir Richard Leveson.

March 13. Colchester. 94. Wm. Vickers, Nathaniel Strickson, and John Randall to Sec. Conway. They certify, on their allegiance, that they neither know of any information given to him of the transportation of gunpowder, nor of any defaulters therein; nor were they aware from whom such information had come.

March 13. London. 95. Isaac Pennington to Capt. John Pennington. Entreats him, on behalf of the writer's cousin John Pountis, for the release of his ship; or, if that cannot be obtained, to countenance his son in the voyage, that he be not overborne by the insolent ignorant captains that are now-a-days placed in command. Difficulties with Sir Wm. Russell as to the allowance of 3*l.* per diem. Abuses committed by Sir Francis Stewart, in taking so many men out of merchant ships that those left were not sufficient to manage the ships. Much disturbance in trade occasioned by the seizure of English goods in France. In a postscript, dated March 20, the writer details the result of further communications with Sir Wm. Russell.

March 13. Certificate of Sec. Conway that Sir Wm. Tresham had returned from foreign service, in obedience to the King's proclamation. [*Minute, Lord Conway's Foreign Letter Book, France, Vol.* clxxviii. *p.* 249.]

March 14. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant of 200*l.* a year pension to Sir Edmund Verney, Knight Marshal on the surrender of Sir Edward Zouch. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 14. Whitehall. The same to the Commissioners at Plymouth. That no checks be put upon Captain Dixon, nor evil interpretation made of his stay here longer than his licence. [*Minute, ibid.*]

March 14. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. Order had been given for supplying all the serviceable ships in the Narrow Seas with necessaries. The Anne Royal and other unserviceable ships were to be sent round to Chatham and London. When the ships were supplied, they were to be kept plying up and down. There are many Dunkirkers abroad, and it seems strange that none have been met with by any of the King's ships. [*Copy. See Vol.* xxii. *No.* 79.]

March 14. 96. Message from the King to the House of Commons delivered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer [Sir Richard Weston] concerning

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the speech of Mr. Clement Coke, that it was better to die by an enemy than to suffer at home; and also concerning the charges brought by Dr. Turner against the Duke of Buckingham. The King can no ways suffer that the meanest of his servants should be questioned without his leave. He requires justice to be done against these two delinquents, so that he should not be constrained to use his royal authority.

March 14. Pendennis. 97. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Yesterday six Dunkirkers appeared off Pendennis as if making for the harbour, but the wind suddenly rising they bore off to sea. The castle is entirely unprovided; not one piece of ordnance mounted, nor have they a pound of shot. If lost, it would trouble the kingdom to recover it, and what shame they should suffer if five or six ships were to come in and send 200 or 300 men to burn and spoil the adjacent towns. Urges again his suit to be appointed to the fort to be erected at Fowey, the necessity for which is very great.

March 14. 98. Minute of the contents of the above.

March 14. 99. Complaint of Robert Saunders, master, and Thomas Reading, purser of the Have-at-all, against the King's ship the Lion, for firing at the Have-at-all when in pursuit of a Dunkirker.

March 14. Whitehall. 100. Nicholas to Sec. Coke. Requests to know whether "my Lord" had approved of a list of delegates which Nicholas had given to Coke at the back stairs. Also craves his advice what ships ought to go into the Low Countries to fetch home Mr. Crow and the jewels. He has the Nonsuch already; "my Lord" would have the Garland and five others of those in the Downs to go. [*Underwritten is the reply of Sec. Coke. He had delivered the approved list of delegates to Dr. Ryves. The Nonsuch, Garland, and five or six of the best ships in the Downs would be a sufficient guard, but they must carry a month's victuals.*]

March 14. 101. Sec. Conway, Capt. of the Isle of Wight and Lord Lieut. of Hants, to Sir John Denham. The islanders of the Isle of Wight being exempt from serving on juries for the co. of Southampton, Sir John is prayed, if any of them are returned, to dismiss them from attendance. [*Copy.*]

102. Lord Treasurer Marlborough to Attorney General Heath. Instructs him to prepare a commission to entitle the King to certain surrounded lands on the sea coast of the co. of Southampton; sends names of the intended Commissioners.

March 14. 103. Petition of Richd. Boone to Buckingham. Having private business at Calais, he had crossed over thither in a time of restraint. Desiring now to cross over again, on arriving at Dover he had been imprisoned by Sir John Hippisley for his previous contempt; prays that, as he went solely on mercantile affairs, he may be released. [*Underwritten are a reference to Sir John Hippisley, dated March 30, 1626, and Sir John's report, dated April 1, 1626, that the petitioner had received punishment according to his just deserts.*]

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March 14. 104. List of the ship's company of the Dreadnought, mustered aboard, in the Downs, by Capt. Downing.

March 14. 105. Muster roll of the Rainbow, taken this day by Capt. Joshua Downing.

March 15. 106. Information of Daniel Bonnel as to English ships and persons stayed at Calais by the Governor.

March 15. Salisbury. 107. Madame Gordon to [Nicholas]. Requests his interference with his relation Mr. "Honton" to procure payment of money lent. [Fr.]

March 15. 108. Sir Francis Howard to Buckingham. In consequence of ill health and removal he had assigned the Vice Admiralty of Kent to Wm. Legge, and hoped that he had executed the office according to the covenants of the patent.

March 15. Plymouth. 109. John Clifton to Nicholas. Had written many letters to Sir Allen Apsley, giving him to understand the necessity for sending down money for victualling and apparel, but had received small comfort. Capt. Pennington and himself are continually employed in appeasing mutinies bred by discontent for want of pay. If speedy course be not taken for redress, all men that deal for the King's business will be disheartened. Begs Nicholas to move for relief.

March 15. 110. Case of Charles Earl of Nottingham in support of a bill for reversing a decree in the Court of Wards. [*It appears from an endorsement in the handwriting of Bishop Laud that the bill was this day "throwen out att ye committye." See Lords' Journ.*, III., 532.]

[March 15.] 111. Information presented to the House of Commons by John Tendring, of the practices and course of life of the priests and papists in the New Prison, and of the abuses of the Warden of the said prison.

March 15. 112. Sec. Conway to John Tendring, Provost Marshal of Middlesex. Warrant authorizing him to search in the New Prison for popish books, massing stuff, and other relics of popery.

March 15. Wimbledon. 113. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to Buckingham. Though his baggage ship had not come up, he had made up his journal, and desired to be brought to his hearing. He entreats the Duke to forget all that had been told him, and, although it be but a Justice of the Peace's rule, to see how things would be proved in his presence. Alludes to his past services and commands, his miserable journey, and the activity of his enemies, and makes an earnest appeal to the Duke to secure him a fair hearing.

March 15. 114. [Ralph] Locke to Sir Francis Nethersole. Sending letters [from Sir Ben. Rudyerd].

March 15. Inner Temple. 115. Attorney General Heath to the Council. The information given by Mr. Ogle against Mr. Roger Widdrington, should be investi-

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gated in the Court of Star Chamber, and in the mean time, as a recusant convict, Sir Roger should be confined within some convenient place in these southern parts.

March 15. 116. Copy of the preceding.

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March 16 1. Statement by John Wylets. He knows nothing of the business of the gunpowder at Colchester, but states what he had heard said by Richard Causton.

[March 16.] 2. Statement by Richard Causton, one of the farmers' deputies of Colchester, respecting the finding of 16 barrels of gunpowder on board the Solomon, and two barrels on board the Edward and John, the latter being "bunged with clay as though they were beer barrels."

March 16. 3. Statement by John Prisman, master of the Edward and John. Two beer barrels of gunpowder were laden on board his ship, by Thos. Martin, one of the merchants of the ship; they were taken out by the officers of customs at Colchester, and left by him there.

March 16. 4. Statement of Thos. Martin. He put the gunpowder on board the Edward and John, for defence of the ship. The officers of customs would not allow it to pass, but after the ship had sailed delivered it to Wm. Pelham on Martin's account. Pelham sold it, in Colchester, on Martin's account, at 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per barrel.

[March 16.] 5. Paper of memoranda as to the effect of the above evidence.

[March 16.] 6. Further paper of memoranda on the same subject.

March 16. London. 7. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. As yet he has no directions about Sir John Eliot, although this is the day. When before the Council my Lord said these prizes were taken by chase, and did fly from the King's fleet; if this could be proved, it might be very relevant. [Attached is a copy of Nicholas's answer, Whitehall, 1626, March 16. He directs Wyan to except generally to the whole body of Sir John Eliot's accounts, and particularly as to the abating of 300*l.* for Hyatt's ship, and that nothing was received from a Frenchman. It would be proved that he had 100*l.* There are other exceptions, respecting which Wyan will hear from the Duke as soon as may be.]

March 16. Deptford. 8. Kenrick Edisbury to the same. Recommends Thos. Wilkinson for Purser of the Antelope, in place of John Hooker, said to be dead.

March 16. 9. Speech of the Duke of Buckingham at a conference of both Houses of Parliament, in explanation of the speeches delivered by the King and the Lord Keeper on the previous day, with an addition in relation to the charges against the Duke himself. [*Imperfect, but containing some matter not in Rushworth*, I., 225.]

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March 16. Plymouth. 10. Jo. Bere to Sec. Conway. Two months pay will be due on the 17th inst., besides monies for apparel and repair of arms. Has received from the Mayor 5,450*l.*, which has been all paid out. The charge for entertainment is now 900*l.* per week. Some houses in the town are infected with plague, and it increases a little daily. The Commissioners have appointed their meetings at Plympton.

March 16. Aboard the Entrance. 11. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. Having sent the St. Claude to Calais to transport the Duke's servant Mr. Gerbier, she brought back a ship laden at Bordeaux with wines, but which she had notice was bound for Dunkirk. He will hasten about the ships. The Garland is a much better ship for operations against the Dunkirkers than the Entrance. The ships' companies much comforted by the Duke's assurance of provisions coming. Thanks for the warrant for pilots. [*In the margin is a memorandum by Nicholas, that on March* 18, 1626, *Dr. Ryves reported to him that he saw no cause for detaining the ship above mentioned.*] *Incloses,*

11. I. *Examination of Andrew Puller, pilot of the St. Peter of Calais, touching the lading of the ship, and the intention of the master to put into Dunkirk.*

11. II. *Examinations of John Hendrick, son of Henry Alberts, Master of the St. Peter mentioned above, and also of the carpenter, gunner, and two seamen, as to her lading.*

March 16. 12. Comments on the conduct of Sir Robert Mansell in his expedition to the Mediterranean, A.D. 1621. [*Indorsed by Nicholas as having been received on the day mentioned in the margin.*]

March 17. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Turkey Company. For taking aboard Sir Thomas Phillips, Ambassador for Constantinople. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 17. From his Majesty's Fort by Plymouth. 13. The Commissioners at Plymouth to Sir Wm. St. Leger. In favour of Capt. Heigham, who had been preferred to Capt. Porter's company, and in disparagement of a Lieutenant who had used means to displant him.

March 17. Hammersmith. 14. Edmund Earl of Mulgrave to Sec. Conway. Recommends his ancient servant, Matthew Dale, for employment in taking priests, seminaries, and others of the popish religion, in which capacity the Earl had employed him while he supplied the place of President at York.

March 17. 15. Buckingham to Capt. Richd. Harris, of the Hector, and Capt. Edwd. Button, of the Aletheia. Instructions to convey the fishermen of Yarmouth and other coast towns trading for the voyages of Westmony, Island [Iceland], and the North Seas, and to see them safe so far as "the Gattes of Scotland." Having done so he is to repair to Harwich and ply up and down to intercept the King's enemies. [*Attested copy.*]

March 17. 16. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The St. George rides in the Downs, but without a competent number of men, or

victuals beyond the 20th instant. She is a fit ship to be employed to guard the Northern coast, but wants certain ordnance. The Duke is requested to give warrant for her being brought up the river and made ready for that service.

March 17. Poplar. 17. Wm. Burrell, Commissioner of the Navy, to Nicholas. Had received his letters about Mr. Allport, and apprising him that shipwrights are to be appointed by the Duke's warrant. Suggests that the warrant should be conditional on their diligent service. Their wages, with allowance for the work of a servant under them, amount to 15*l.* or 16*l.* a year.

March 17. 18. Petition of Wm. Ryman to Buckingham. His son Capt. George Ryman, who was slain at Cadiz, took "a prisall of value,' which after his death was seized by Sir Thos. Love and others, and even Capt. Ryman's clothes were pillaged. Prays that he may receive satisfaction for his son's part of the "prisall," for his goods, and also for his entertainment in the service, so that he may be able to pay his son's debts.

[March 18.] Buckingham to Sir Henry Palmer. He is presently to release the St. Peter brought by the St. Claude out of Calais road, and to give instructions to the Captains of ships under him, not to intercept any ships belonging to his Majesty's allies, without good proof that, at least, part of the ship or lading belongs to the enemy. He has given order to Sir Allen Apsley for Palmer's ships to be revictualled. [*Draft, written on blank page of Vol.* xxiii., *No.* 11.]

March 18. 19. Receipt of Wm. Watkins, servant to Mr. Mylles, for a certificate and five Privy Seals sent to the Council from Sir George Booth, collector for co. Chester.

March 18. Plymouth. 20. Commissioners at Plymouth to Buckingham. One of his Grace's appointments has not a little perplexed them, that of Mr. Matthews to Capt. Porter's company in lieu of Capt. Heigham. They state reasons which have induced them to suspend further proceedings therein until his pleasure be better known.

[March 18.] 21. Thos. Trussell, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, to Sec. Conway. By his order he rode into Northumberland and brought up Christopher Hogg. He has kept him since the 21st of January last, providing him with meat, drink, and clothing. Prays that he may be discharged of the poor man, having already disbursed much money on his account.

March 18. Westminster. 22. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to the same. Considering the offence of the Northumberland man [Hogg], and that the person of the delinquent is base and contemptible, the Lord Keeper and Treasurer like it well to have him whipped in Bridewell, and then discharged.

March 18. 23. Minute of the above. [*See* 1626, *Feb.* 27, *Vol.* xxi., *No.* 73.]

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[March 18.] 24. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. The sickness increases so much at Plymouth, that it will be dangerous for the ships to ride there any longer. If money be not instantly sent down the men will dissolve. Sets forth his necessities. He has 2,000 mariners there. [*Minute, by Nicholas.*]

March 18. On board the Lion in Catwater. 25. The same to Nicholas. Will do Capt. Bardsey or any other friend of Nicholas's all the service he can; but, except it be a special command from the Duke or Nicholas, he would not willingly make him Vice or Rear Admiral, he having had no experience at sea. The last voyage was his first command. It is six weeks since Pennington received any packet from the Duke, which has almost broken his heart. He not only honours the Duke, but loves him as a young man doth his mistress. Wishes provisions were hastened away. Has given up the Assurance, of Dover, to Mr. Hugessen on Nicholas's letter, but dare not release the Christian without the Duke's warrant. Knows that the going out of a squadron would be to good purpose, but would not willingly go to the west of Spain without 20 or 30 sail. Marvels that Sir Wm. Russell should say that there is no precedent for impressing 200*l.* Sir Robt. Mansell had 3,000*l.* impress; but 210*l.* is now due to Pennington on his pay. Capt. Wollaston was buried yesterday. Urges the sending money that the fleet may get away from that place where the plague is wondrous rife.

March 18. 26. Capt. Thos. Bardsey to the same. Capt. Campaine is in the harbour of Broadhaven, in Ireland, of which he keeps possession. He has taken two small ships of Galloway, which he declares he shall keep till he has his pardon in his custody. The writer begs Nicholas to think of Tom Bardsey, who much desires that employment. His ship is ready; he wants nothing but victual and his command.

March 18. 27. The East India Company to Sec. Conway. Having received his letter signifying the King's pleasure that the ship designed for Constantinople should take in Sir Thos. Phillipps, his servants and goods. They certify that by reason of their disputes with Sir Thos. about their ancient privileges, which he seeks to evade, they cannot resolve whether the ship shall proceed on her voyage.

March 19. 28. Petition of Bernardino Benzi, and others, merchants of Venice, to Buckingham. Pray for licence to export to Calais 260 bags of rice, part of the cargo referred to in their former petition [*see* 1626, *March* 10, *Vol.* xxii., No. 65], and that they may reload the remainder of their goods in some Hamburgh bottom, for exportation to Spain or Portugal.

March 19. Deal. 29. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. Reports the present position of the ships comprising his fleet. The ships are all so short of victuals that if there be not a speedy supply he knows not what will become of them. He has been so afflicted with their daily complaints that he has relieved one ship out of another, till now all their provisions are spent. The St. George is a fit ship for the North parts. Has not received directions concerning the ship brought from Calais Road. Has been two days ashore, whilst his bedding and necessaries were removing.

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March 19. Whitehall. 30. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. Had sent him the Re[membrancers] of all that had been done in Parliament, whereof he must not expect many particulars, the points being so "dangerous," as we dare not speak here freely amongst ourselves. Blainville had long been forbidden the Court as overmeddling in private business between the King and Queen. A sharp letter, written by the King's command, to our Ambassadors in France. They have concluded a peace disadvantageous to those of our religion. The sending of our ships against Rochelle has been severely handled in Parliament.

March 19. 31. Petition of Jeremy Allen to the high and most mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham. Prays that he may turn over his place of porter of Walmer Castle to his kinsman, Thos. Gillow. *Annexed,*

31. 1. *Edmund Lisle, Capt. of Walmer Castle, to Nicholas. In approval of the suggested arrangement.* 1626, *March* 18.

March 20. Walmer Castle. 32. Edmund Lisle, Capt. of Walmer Castle, to Nicholas. John Grimes and Thos. Paine, two of his men, being dead, he begs leave to nominate Henry Hamme and Jack Sampson.

March 20. The Tower. 33. Sir Allen Apsley to the same. As a game of chess, earnestly played, and for a great wager too, so is the present business, the writer being the least pawn; yet, because he stands in the way of danger, if he be not guarded by the moving of the King, he is like to be snapt up and taken. Sends a letter open, which Nicholas is requested to seal and deliver. Would that the writer could express truth to the life, and that the Lord Treasurer and Council were as sensible of these miseries as those that undergo the clamour, in which the writer stands in the first rank. Without "Corranell Argent" instantly come, Sir Allen and his friends must sink and perish. Had not the sale of the prize goods been hindered by private malice, 40 of the King's ships and others had been on the coasts of Spain. Actions must redeem our honour, not wise discourses that carry consideration upon consideration, whilst the business groans under the burden of delay.

March 20. Westminster. 34. The King to Sir Heneage Finch, Speaker of the Commons House in Parliament. Because the unreasonable slowness of the House may produce at home as ill effects as a denial, and may hazard the whole state of things abroad, the King has thought it fit to let them know by the Speaker, that without more loss of time he looks for an answer of what they will give for his supply. The Speaker is to promise the House, in the King's name, that he will continue them together as long as the season will permit, and shortly call them together again, and also that he will remedy all grievances presented to him in a dutiful and mannerly way. [*Copy.*]

March 20. 35. Another copy of the same letter.

March 20. 36. Another copy.

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March 20. 37. Speech of Sir Wm. Walter, delivered in the House of Commons. The cause of all the grievances is, that all the King's Council ride upon one horse, therefore the Parliament should advise the King, as Jethro did Moses, to take unto him assistants.

March 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to —— Ramsborow, Master of the Sampson. For the taking aboard the trunks, &c. of Sir Thos. Phillips, Ambassador for Constantinople. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 20. Westminster. Charter of confirmation to the tenants of the dissolved monastery of St. Mary's, in the city of York, of the privileges granted them by various former charters. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 142.]

[March 20?] 38. Speech delivered, or prepared for delivery, in the House of Commons, on the question of whether the House should investigate the causes of past failures before they proceeded to consider future remedies. The speaker argues against doing so, inasmuch as nothing more appears than error "whereunto all human actions are subject." He defends Buckingham, as one whose "heart stands right with the public good," although he would have been "much more happy in his greatness" if he had been more cautious not to "abound in his own sense," which is a common fault when "a high pitch of favour" meets with "young years." The speaker urges the House to consider what a task it undertakes in thinking to tear the Duke from the sides of the King, who has taken him so deeply into his affection, and holds himself interested not to abandon the Duke, "unless on cause of greater conviction."

March 20. 39. Petition of the Bailiffs and Freemen of Kingston-upon-Thames to the King:—Some of their ancient privileges having been lately called in question, they pray that his Majesty would grant them a confirmation of all their privileges heretofore enjoyed, with such additional privileges as should be thought necessary for the good government of the town. [*Underwritten is a reference of the petition to the Lord Keeper and Lord Chief Baron, taking to their assistance the Attorney and Solicitor General.*]

March 20. Westminster. 40. Renewed warrant for payment, to Philip Earl of Montgomery, Keeper of Woodstock Park, of the sum of 40*l.* per annum for wages of park keepers, and also of 40*l.* per annum for provision of hay for the deer.

March $\frac{20}{30}$ Amsterdam. 41. Sackville Crow to Sec. Conway. The great factions of this place, especially those of this town, where money only is to be had, prevent his accomplishing his object. The Arminian faction is strong here, and those of the East India Company love us not. Ill offices have been done from England, pretending that the Parliament has more interest in the jewels than the King. Begs Lord Conway to remind the Duke of sending a convoy for him.

March 20. Certificate of Sec. Conway that Capt. Frederic Bentley had returned from foreign service in obedience to the King's proclamation. [*Minute, Conway's Foreign Letter Book, France, Vol.* clxxviii., *p.* 249.]

March 20. Similar certificate for Capt. John Brutnell. [*Minute, ibid.*]

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March 20. Certificate similar to the preceding, for Lieut. Thos. Giffard [Giffart]. [*Minute, Conway's Foreign Letter Book, France, Vol.* clxxviii., *p.* 249.]

March 21. Westminster. Grant to Sir Thomas Mounson, of the office of Clerk for King's letters, and bills and declarations thereon, exhibited before the President and Council of the North, during the lives of Sir John Mounson and Thomas Mounson, sons of the said Sir Thomas, and John Mounson, son of Sir Robert Mounson, on surrender of an estate for life in the said office by Thomas Leyton. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 143.]

March 21. 42. Dr. Thos. Ryves to [Nicholas]. Has nothing to say why the Michael, of Ross, should belong to the King. Recommends that she should be released.

March 21. 43. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Is there any occasion for him to attend the Duke? Entreats Nicholas not to let the Duke be swayed to his further hurt. There is no right course taken in sea-employments; the writer could give the Duke such satisfaction as might haply bring all men to love and honour him.

March 21. 44. List of officers and men mustered on board the Happy Entrance in the Downs.

March 21. 45. Petition of Squier Bence and the other owners of the Friendship, of London, to Buckingham:—The Friendship was employed in the late expedition; but her steerage was so defective that the master and company hardly escaped with their lives; they pray that they may be paid for her former employment, out of which they will make her fit for future service. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Commissioners of the Navy, this ship being one of the fleet preparing by Capt. Pennington.*] *Annexed,*

45. I. *Certificate of William Knight and others, that the Friendship is not fit for any service until her steerage has been amended.*

March 21. Whitehall. 46. Sec. Conway to John Earl of Bristol. The King has perused the Earl's letter of the 4th inst., but is nothing satisfied therewith. The question propounded by the King to the Earl was, whether he chose rather to sit still without being questioned, or whether for the clearing of his innocency, whereof himself and his friends are so confident, he would waive the advantage of the late pardon and put himself in a way of trial. The King requires a direct answer, without circumlocution or bargaining for future favours.

March 21. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

March 21. Wimbledon. 47. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to Nicholas. Hopes the Duke for all his great business will not forget to send for him. Assigns his reasons for suspecting the St. James, of Dunkirk, brought by him out of Ireland, to be a prize.

March 21. 48. Muster roll of the Anne Royal.

March 22. 49. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends Richard Morrowe to be Purser of the Desire.

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March 22. 50. Thos. Proctor to Buckingham. Having put into his Grace's hand, in St. James's Park, a writing concerning projects, he now sends his address.

March 23. Plympton. 51. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Money not having been sent, the country had come to such a height of extremity that the people protest they must either thrust their wives and children out of doors or the soldiers. The clothiers had finished the contract for apparel, and now hold the whole dead on their hands. The soldiers cannot be exercised, nor their arms repaired, which breeds in the soldier rather misdemeanour than discipline. Sir Wm. Strode has been entreated to communicate with the Council.

[March 23?] 52. Speech of Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons, on declaring to the House, by his Majesty's command, the particular circumstances which rendered the necessity for a supply urgent.

[March 23?] 53. Speech in the House of Commons on the necessity of granting a supply. Some men, seeing things in some disorder at home, think best to begin there; but the speaker holds that the war most concerns the safety of the State, and prays that a Select Committee be named to report what is needful to be done with reference to the war, and how it may be provided for.

March 23. Whitehall. 54. Lords Commissioners for the Subsidy to Sec. Conway. The second entire subsidy due by him, according to the grant made 1st Charles, amounts to 20*l.*, being after the rate of 4*s.* out of 100*l.* He is requested to pay the same to Edward Legg, the collector.

March 23. Brocklesby. 55. Sir Wm. Pelham to his brother Sec. Conway. The soldiers in these parts had come to more perfection than could have been expected. The serjeants, Bodendine and Dales, from Brill, had taken wonderful pains. It would be impossible to get the Captains to continue a monthly training without some allowance to the officers. Hopes the King and Parliament will accord. The country is willing enough to make supplies by way of subsidies, but fifteenths would impoverish the poorer sort.

March 23. Inner Temple. 56. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. Sends the pardon for John Tapps.

March 23. 57. Thos. Walker to the King. Hopkins is dead in Ireland. The writer has cast in his mite among the heap of wits that study to make the King's name immortal and enrich his kingdom.

March 23. April. 2. Leghorn. 58. Extract from a letter written by a person on board an English ship. Capture by his ship, near Majorca, of a vessel laden with oils for Valentia. Warlike preparations of the King of Spain against England.

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March 24. 59. Order of Council, on the complaints of the French Ambassador, against John Griffin and John Gray, pursuivants of the High Commission Court, for infringing the privileges of an Ambassador, and against certain ministers and officers of Faversham for imprisoning a servant of the Ambassador. The pursuivants were continued prisoners in the Gate House during his Majesty's pleasure. The magistrates who were chief actors at Faversham were ordered to be called before the Board to receive punishment. [*Copy.*]

March 24. 60. Wm. Walgrave, prisoner in the High Commission Prison, to Sec. Conway. Tendring, under the authority of Lord Conway's warrant, had taken away from the writer and others many things not prohibited.

March 24. 61. Estimate for setting forth six Newcastle ships with 360 men for five months, for guarding the fishermen; and for revictualling the Hector and Aletheia with 170 men for one month; 5,688*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

March 24. Whitehall. 62. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. He is to release the Assurance, of Dover, the owners having promised to send her forth with a letter of marque.

[March 24?] 63. Petition of William Younge, servant to "Baronet Seymour, in Devon," to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham:—Having served Lieut. to Arthur Cooper, Capt. of the Mary Magdalen, of Aldborough, he prays for some recompense for the prizes they took.

March 24. Pendennis. 64. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Reiterates his request that Pendennis may be furnished with a supply for its defence, and that he may be remembered if a fort be erected at Fowey.

March 24. 65. Certificate of Wm. Man and Peter Heywood, that Edmund Grove had taken the oath of allegiance.

March 24. 66. Similar certificate of Henry Lide and Peter Heywood, with respect to Andrew Huddeston.

March 24. 67. Buckingham to Sir Henry Palmer. Complaint made by merchants that the ships under his charge lie still at anchor, and do not ply up and down. An instance is given of a bark of London being chased by a man-of-war of Dunkirk into the Downs, where none of the King's ships so much as weighed anchor or stood to sea to rescue her or intercept the Dunkirker.

March 25. 68. Note of report made to the House of Commons by Mr. Wandesford from the Committee for Evils, Causes, and Remedies, whereby the Duke of Buckingham was pointed out as the great cause of the evils of the country.

March 25. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. For payment of the Master and Provost of Captain Bruce's regiment at Southampton, and of other officers there, unpaid. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

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March 25. Chatham Dock. 69. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Walter Dyer, boatswain of the Happy Entrance, for boatswain of the Prince, in case Wm. Adams should die.

March 25. The Downs. 70. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. The complaints against him are so unjust that they trouble him the less, but it would trouble any man to hear the exclamations there made for their wants, which threaten ruin. For service, they are able to do none till they receive supplies. Defends himself in the cases of misconduct alleged against him, and doubts not the Duke will think him much wronged.

March 25. 71. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. Suggest that the Duke should give order to the Captain of the Charles, the guard ship at Tilbury Hope, to ply about the mouth of the Thames, so as to restrain the Dunkirk sloops from entering the river.

March 25. 72. Bond of John Isaacke and James Hugessen for 300*l.*, conditioned to be void on their bringing the Greyhound into Dover.

March 25. The Downs, from aboard the Garland. 73. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. The complaints against him are as full of malice as untruth. Accounts for the present disposition of his fleet. Never heard of the circumstance of a bark chased into the Downs until he received the Duke's letter. There never was any man in his place driven to so hard exigents for want of victual and necessaries. The show of the Duke's distaste is a heavy burthen to him. *Inclosed,*

73. 1. *Copy of general instructions given by Sir Hen. Palmer to the Captains of the ships under him.*

March 26. 74. Thos. Walker to Sec. Conway. Sends a paper written on hearing that there is a great fleet to go forth.

March 26. 75. Arguments on the effects of debasing or enhancing the value of money, delivered at a conference before his Majesty at the Council Table.

March 26. Fulham. 76. Sir Thos. Button to Capt. John Pennington. Illness and not neglect has been the cause of his silence. There is not a friend to whom he would be loather to give just cause of doubt than Jack Pennington; and so he should believe, if he desires to make the writer happy. He is sensible of the difficulties Pennington has to encounter. Hopes the Parliament will take a course to see things better settled, and wishes that, till that may be, he and those he loves were quit of their employments. Pennington's letters to the Lord Chamberlain were safely delivered. The writer's two days attendance on the Parliament well nigh cost him his life. News he dares not write, but fears he will have much ere long. Whilst he is in being he will be the same to Pennington he has ever professed. Wishes him to write sometimes to Sir Robert Mansell, who holds himself neglected by all men in present employment.

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March 26. The Downs. 77. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. The Delight and St. Claude had chased a Dunkirker, but she went away two feet for their one. They brought in with them two Lubeckers laden with salt, from Portugal. Firing heard to the northward, and ships sent out to inform themselves what it was. Entreats they may speedily be provided for, or of necessity he must send in the ships. Has sent up his Captain to let his Grace understand their true state. Wishes those who complain of him knew but the care of his life for one month.

March 26. The Downs. 78. The same to Nicholas. Entreats Nicholas to bring his Captain to the speech of the Duke. Unless there be very speedy order taken the service must cease, and the ships be sent up, for starve they must not. Easily guesses from whom those unjust calumniations proceed, whereby the Duke's credulity is abused. Recommends Richd. Hulse for a Purser's place in one of the ships now to be built.

March 26. 79. Sir Edwd. Dering to Nicholas. Details the evidence of the right of his family to wreck of the sea, as the same was formerly enjoyed by the Maison Dieu, of Dover. [*Extract.*]

March 26. 80. Petition of Richd. Dove to Buckingham:—Prays for the next boatswain's place that falls void; with underwritten recommendation of ten brethren of the Trinity House.

March 26. Buckingham to Sir Hen. Palmer. The Duke has himself spoken to the Surveyor of Marine Victuals, and been assured that the majority of the ships in Sir Henry's fleet were victualled till April 19, and the rest until May 24. The alleged wants therefore are only counterfeited by the Pursers. Sir Henry is to make strict inquiry, and execute exemplary punishment on the faulty. There are still daily and lamentable complaints of the spoil committed by the Dunkirkers. Sir Henry is to send out some good ships to ply in those parts where the Dunkirkers frequent, and never to come into any road or harbour until forced by weather. [*See Vol.* xxiii., *No.* 67.]

March 26. From his lodging in Holborn. 81. Sir Ralph Assheton, Collector of loan money on Privy Seals for co. Lancaster, to the Council. Received 200 Privy Seals, on which he has collected 1,236*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which he has paid into the Exchequer and sends an account. *Incloses,*

81. 1. *Declaration of the state and accompt of the business in which Sir Ralph was collector. The whole amount of the Privy Seals sent to him was* 2,536*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *The account shows: paid* 101, *promised* 40, *discharged by order* 9, *dead* 2, *neither paid nor promised* 48.

March 27. 82. Account of monies paid for secret services and free gifts from Michaelmas 1620. The account for secret services does not extend beyond Michaelmas 1624, nor that of free gifts beyond Easter 1625.

March 27. Stratton. 83. Thos. Nicholas to his cousin Edw. Nicholas. Thanks for his interference with the Lord Keeper, thereby procuring the writer's restoration to the Commission of the Peace.

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March 27. Aboard the Lion riding in Catwater. 84. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. On Friday night 16 of Mons. Soubise's fleet set sail out of Hamoaze, and went away without acquainting Pennington or obtaining leave of Mons. Soubise. Requests directions as to the three prizes he has there. Has so often made known their wants, and received neither answer, supply, nor redress, that he is quite disheartened. Wishes the Duke understood with what difficulty he has long kept them together; but he has gone as far as he can, and must be forced to yield to them if there come not order within five or six days.

March 27. Speech of Sir John Eliot, delivered in the House of Commons, on the grievances of the country and the proper way of procuring relief, citing the precedents of 16th Henry III. and 10th Richard II. [*See Vol.* xxiii., *No.* 37.]

March 27. King's Lynn. 85. The Corporation of Lynn Regis to the Council. Submit circumstances which tend to show that Michael Gabe did not receive his hurt in the King's service, and that therefore they are not bound to provide for him.

March 27. 86. Nicholas to Capt. Edwd. Harvey. Notice has been given that the Turks put aboard his ship, the Royal Exchange, had been taken away by some private person. He is to send to the master and officers to certify who took them away. [*Attached is a certificate from the master and two others of the crew of the Royal Exchange, that the four Turks had been delivered to Capt. Nicholas Leatt, to be put aboard the Sampson, bound for the Straits.*]

March 27. 87. Capt. Jas. Duppa to Nicholas. Recommends that the colliers which were lying idle in the river should be ordered to go to Newcastle for coals for London. Last year coals were 12*s.* per chaldron; he saw a man on Saturday pay at the rate of 33*s.*

March 27. 88. Minute by Nicholas of the suggestion contained in the above letter.

March 28. Plymouth. 89. John Clifton to Buckingham. Thirty ships were ready, only waiting for victuals. Importance of laying in a stock of provisions at that time of the year, when beer was brewed, and beef and pork salted. The plague is dispersed about the town. Begs that if money cannot be sent down they may have letters of credit on the Mayor and Commissioners.

March 28. 90. Lord Treasurer Marlborough and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Sir Robert Pye, Auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer. They send him an account of the amount set apart for the charge of the navy for the year 1626, amounting to 27,758*l.* 17*s.*, with instructions as to the funds to be assigned for payment thereof.

March 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mr. Carleton. To mediate with the Prince of Orange that there be no checks imposed on Sir Thomas Meautys for his stay, being employed in his Majesty's service at Harwich. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 247.]

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March 29. 91. Account of Wm. Towerson and Richard James, of monies received and paid on account of the repair of the fortifications of Portsmouth.

March 29. Whitehall. 92. Buckingham to Capt. Ledyard of the Charles. Instructions to ply up and down at the mouth of the river Thames, to prevent the enemy's sloops which hover thereabouts from making any attempts. [*Copy.*]

March 29. Plymouth. 93. Abraham Jennings to Nicholas. Sends a letter to be forwarded to Thos. Winspear. Two parrots coming by Mr. Hugessen. Fears of sickness at Plymouth unfounded.

March 29. The Downs, aboard the Assurance. 94. Capt. Christopher Osborne to Buckingham. On the return of the Spanish expedition he had been driven into Ireland. Coming home to England he had met with two vessels laden with Spanish goods, and had brought them with him; not finding the Admiral of the Narrow Seas in the Downs, he craved the Duke's directions.

March 29. 95. Certificate of Col. Sir John Ogle, that Sir John Bowyer had served under him in the Low Countries.

March 29. 96. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. They hold the request for ordnance for the six Newcastle ships that are to guard the colliers for one return, to be very reasonable.

March 29. 97. Speech of Lord Keeper Coventry to both Houses of Parliament, in presence of the King at Whitehall. He reproves the Commons for not having censured Mr. Clement Coke, and corrected the insolence of Dr. Turner; and delivers to them the King's command to cease their "unparliamentary inquisition" into the conduct of the Duke of Buckingham.

March 29. 98. Another copy of the same.

March 30. 99. Speeches of the Duke of Buckingham, Lord Conway, and the Lord Chamberlain, at a meeting of a committee of both Houses, held to receive an explanation which the Duke was commanded by the King to give, of somewhat which was spoken the day before by the King and the Lord Keeper.

March 30. 100. Copy of such portion of the preceding paper as relates to the loan of ships to the French.

March 30. 101. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend that he should order the Delight to be brought into the Thames to be repaired.

March 30. Sherborne. 102. John Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. He is infinitely grieved that his former letter had not satisfied his Majesty. In answer to Lord Conway's letter of the 24th inst., he returns this direct answer, that, understanding he is restored to the liberty of a subject and a Peer, he shall accept his Majesty's grace, not presuming to press for any special favour, but making use of his freedom in such sort as he shall judge most agreeable to his Majesty's pleasure. He hopes the modest avowal of his innocence will not be thought to cast any aspersion on his Majesty's honour or justice.

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March 30. 103. Copy of the preceding letter.

March 30. 104. List of the arms of the Marquis of Winchester laid in at Wolvesey House, near Winchester.

March 31. 105. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Beg that order may be given that the Surveyor of Victuals may receive monies, and be specially enjoined to discharge the arrearages due for victualling the Antelope since Oct. 20, and to provide a supply to bring her from Kinsale to Bristol for repairs.

March 31. Pendennis. 106. Captain John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Various ships from Portugal, France, and Spain have brought tidings that great preparations are making in the last-mentioned country for an invasion of England. They at Rochelle are quiet, the King attempting nothing on them since the refusal of the articles propounded. Reminds him that Pendennis, instead of 40 pieces of ordnance, had not one mounted, yet platforms ready for all.

March 31. 107. Examination of George Woodlocke before Sir Geo. Flower, concerning the naval preparations making at Lisbon, which place he left on the 1st inst., N. S.

March 31. 108. Note, showing the state of the ships in the Narrow Seas in respect of their victuals, in the handwriting of Nicholas.

March 31. 109. Petition of Hugh Pitcher to the Council, praying that a protection granted to Edward Roye, of Weymouth, might not be renewed. Order of Council thereunder written, that in case Roye petitioned for a renewal, the Lords should be put in mind of this petition.

March 31. 110. John Griffith to Nicholas. Sir John Hippisley could not afford him any favour, he is therefore enforced to petition the Duke that he may be permitted to continue in his place although past service.

March 31. 111. Bailiffs and inhabitants of Southwold, co. Suffolk, to the Council. Set forth the defenceless and exposed condition of the town and road, and pray to be furnished with 12 demy culverins with their carriages.

March 31. 112. Petition of Captain Ory to Buckingham:—Under a commission from the Mayor and Governor of Rochelle, he had captured the Nom de Dieu; being driven by stress of weather into "Arthemouth" he had there been stayed by Sir John Eliot [le Chevalier Helliot] Vice Admiral; prays for release. Fr.

[March ?] Release, by immediate warrant, on the request of the Venetian Ambassador, of Augustine Goul, Robert Wading, Cornelius Egen, and Malachias Mechor, popish priests and prisoners in the New Prison, the said Ambassador having leave to transport them out of the kingdom. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* I., *No.* 144.]

[March ?] 113. Speech in Parliament against investigating the causes of the late misfortunes.

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[March ?] 114. Another speech spoken, or prepared to be spoken, in the House of Commons, in case a motion were made that the House should examine the mispending of the money voted in the previous Parliament, and the counsels by which it had been spent. The writer, a member of the Government, admits the mismanagement of the late expedition, but contends that to inquire into the counsels on which it was founded would be to impeach the capacity of the King for government.

[March ?] 115. Petition of Robert Smith, one of the Messengers in ordinary of his Majesty's Chamber, to the Council:—In January 1619, the petitioner was employed to fetch up Sir Richd. Houghton from Lancashire, and he remained a long time in the petitioner's custody; the fees and charges remain unpaid, and Sir Richard is emboldened to delay, being a prisoner in the Fleet; the petitioner prays for a warrant to the keeper of the Fleet to restrain Sir Richard of his liberty until he has paid the amount.

[March ?] 116. Account of what Captain Sacheverell has laid out for the ship Susan, of Aldborough; 4*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

[March ?] 117. Abstract of various patents and Privy Seals granted to officers of his Majesty's armoury at Greenwich. [*In the handwriting of Sec. Coke.*]

[March ?] 118. Petition of Richard Lord Robartes of Truro, to the King. Lord Robartes was commanded by the King's letter, received the 21st November last, to give present satisfaction to the Duke of Buckingham for 4,000*l.* remainder of a greater sum already rendered, but has not yet performed the same on account of the sickness of his whole house, by reason whereof he could neither send any servant to the Duke nor himself attend the King. Prays to be remitted of offence on account of the calamity of his family, and his determination to give the Duke satisfaction with all possible expedition.

[March ?] 119. Thos. Barker [to the Council]. Statement of proceedings in the Court of Chancery, in the cause of Sheppard v. Barker; Sheppard having commenced several suits against Barker, the Lord Keeper has stayed them all by injunction.

[March ?] 120. Note of the gain to Pursers by receiving beer by beer measure and delivering it out by wine measure.

[March ?] 121. Sir Geo. Chaworth to Buckingham, on an error committed by the Attorney-General in a Bill, in Sir Geo. Chaworth's favour, which error must be amended in his Majesty's sight.

[March ?] 122. Note of things imperatively necessary to be executed, considering the want of money for all the necessities of the time. Amongst them are, the keeping contract with the King of Denmark, the support of Count Mansfeldt, the entertainment of the four regiments in the service of the States, and the paying and clothing the troops returned from Cadiz, and then at Plymouth, in the Isle of Wight, and in Ireland.

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[March ?] 123. Wm. Clifford to——. Having been presented to a benefice in the diocese of Bath and Wells, his right is vexatiously contested. Appeals to the knowledge of the person addressed as to how the writer carried himself in the house of Lord Vere. Since that time, he has been preacher in the parish of Mr. Hopton and his son Sir Ralph Hopton.

[March ?] 124. Minutes of questions to be put to the Earl of Holland and Sir Dudley Carleton, on their return from France, respecting the restitution of the Vanguard and other ships lent to the French King, and on other points connected with the intercourse between the two kingdoms; also a minute to move the King for letters of marque for those ships of Mons. de Soubise which remain, those already gone being suspected of having given themselves to the Spaniard.

[March ?] 125. Request [to Sec. Conway] that the Sheriff of London might restore certain "church stuff" taken from the priests who are prisoners in the New Prison, by Crosse, the pursuivant. Mons. de Vantelet had applied to Lord Conway in the Queen's name for the required warrant.

[March ?] 126. Minutes by Nicholas of motions to be made at the Council Board for a proclamation encouraging seamen to take men-of-war belonging to the enemy, by giving them the whole spoil, except bullion and ordnance; and also for an order for the fleet to remove from Plymouth to the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, or Hampton Water, on account of the increase of the sickness; also for Capt. Pennington to ply off Scilly with a fleet to intercept Hamburghers bound for Spain.

[March ?] 127. Petition of Wm. Richmond and Thos. Porter to Mary Countess of Buckingham:—Petitioners are tied to serve the Court and the City weekly with oysters from Easter till May-day. Bringing up their boat, it has been stayed by Capt. Smith of the South Block House. Pray the Countess to speak to the Duke to release their boat and allow them to pass home again.

March. 128. Capt. Francis Wylsford to Sir John Hippisley. Reports proceedings in Dover Castle during Sir John's absence in London. Forwards letter from Lord Gordon, and letters sent from Dunkirk to the priest. Rumours of rich ships passing between Dunkirk and Spain.

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[April 1.] 1. Projects submitted to the King by Thos. Proctor, for increasing the speed of ships by new kind of oars, for shooting a fiery burning matter, and for an external defence to ships in battle.

[April 1?] 2. Allen Cotton, Lord Mayor, Jo. Sotherton, and Philip Watson to the Council. At a gaol delivery held at the Old Bailey on March 22, Thos. Perkins pleaded guilty of stealing a horse; being his first offence, and there being speedy employment for such an able person in these troublesome times, they had reprieved him before judgment.

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April 1. 3. Sir Geo. Goring to Sec. Conway. Last night the noblest Duke commanded him to entreat the Sec.'s care in procuring the King's hand to the inclosed letter for Sir Arthur Ingram, who had done and was doing good service in this Parliament. Is prevented attending Lord Conway in person by having to meet divers persons on appointment, touching the great work that day in agitation. [*It appears from the indorsement, that the warrant was to appoint Sir Arthur Ingram a Councillor in the North.*]

April 1. 4. Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Recommends Lawrence Spence for Purser of the St. Anne or St. Mary, two prizes to be fitted for the King's service.

April 1. 5. Petition of James Duppa, Captain of the Seahorse, to Buckingham:—The owners of his ship, who were papists, born in Flanders, having withdrawn their consent to let the ship go to sea with letters of reprisal against the Spaniard, he prays that the ship may be pressed for the King's service. *Appended are,*

5. I. *A reference of the petition by the Duke of Buckingham to Sir Henry Marten. April* 3, 1626.

5. II. *Report of Sir Henry Marten that he had examined the parties, and found the facts as stated. April* 10, 1626.

April 2. 6. Evidence of Capt. James Duppa, Richard Tockley, and John Hall, that Adrian Hendrickson and Cornelius Hugessen were papists, born in Flanders.

April 2. 7. Petition of Michael Matthews to Buckingham:—His right to Capt. Porter's company being contested by the Commissioners at Plymouth in favour of Capt. Heigham, he prays that the determination thereof may be referred to Lord Valentia, the Colonel of the regiment.

April 2. Aboard the Red Lion in Catwater. 8. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Their victuals were come to the last cast, and no one will give credit. Entreats him to consider the advantage to our enemies if these men were discharged, and how difficult to get so many good men together again. Has received Sec. Coke's letter for release of the Christian; will fit up the Turk's prize in her place. Provision of surgeons and their stores will be needed. Desires instructions as to the disposition of 250 barrels of surplus gunpowder. A report that 50 sail of Hamburghers had passed through the Channel for Spain with munition and provisions.

April 2. Catwater. 9. The same to Nicholas. Fears the money in preparation would come too late. Is sorry the Commissioners of the Navy cannot find a precedent for him as well as other men. Explains the position of his private affairs, and the probability that if Sir Wm. Russell had not paid the 200*l.*, he should have lost his only land, which he had been obliged to mortgage. Hopes the Duke will maintain his

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warrant for 3*l.* per diem, all which was spent and more. He will release the Christian on payment of 45*l.* for repairs and sails. If Nicholas thinks he shall go to sea, prays him to move the Commissioners to send him down "a good noise of trumpets with a drum and a fife."

April 2. 10. Sir Basil Brooke to Lord ———. Gives account of a ship that came in about "Loerise in Boylagh," supposed to be from Dunkirk. Wanted fresh meat, and offered arms in exchange. [*Extract.*]

April 2. Whitehall. 11. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Fleetwood, Sir Marmaduke Darrell, Sir Robert Banister, John Hampden, and John Crane. Urging them to proceed speedily and really in the business of the Widow Lancaster. [*Copy.*]

April 2. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 248.]

April 2. 12. A paper denouncing the sins of the court and country, delivered to his Majesty by Lucy Martin, a religious enthusiast.

April 2. 13. Copy of the same.

April 3. From aboard the Mary Magdalen. 14. Arthur Cooper to Nicholas. Requests Nicholas to speak to the Duke that he may not be abated 10*l.* received at Plymouth. Has waited ten weeks to know his Grace's pleasure as to his future service.

[April 3.] 15. Petition of Capt. James Duppa to the Council, praying that the Seahorse, which the petitioner had fitted and victualled at an expense of 1,200*l.*, might be pressed for the King's service.

April 3. 16. The same to Nicholas. Suggests that if the King would furnish every man with a ship that is able to victual it, there would, in a short time, be a fleet of 50 sail of private men-of-war.

April 3. 17. Petition of Robert Aldworth, Thos. Wright, Giles Elbridge, and Richard Gough, Merchants of Bristol, to Buckingham:—Having goods detained in Spain of the value of 3,000*l.*, they pray, that if by any means they were to right themselves on any Spanish goods, the same should not be liable to confiscation on being brought home. Their intended courses are also designed by special stratagem to bring off from Spain their factor Michael Hunt.

April 3. 18. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. Suggest to the Duke to grant a warrant for pressing 45 special men for the Desire to be employed against the Dunkirkers, with promise of a small share of the prizes she may take, the designed service being one of great hazard.

April 3. Aboard the Garland in the Downs. 19. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. Had brought over the Ambassadors. Weighed on Tuesday, but it was Friday before he could make Boulogne road. On Thursday gave chase to nine sail, of whom he stayed three, laden with salt. Prizes taken by Capt. Osborne. Has found the four Turks. The Merchant Bonaventure chased two Dunkirkers, but could do no good, they exceed us so much in sailing.

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April 3. 20. Proposal for the formation of a Company of Adventurers to the river Amazon under the authority of the King's grant to Roger North and Robert Harcourt. [*Printed.*]

April 3. Aboard the Garland in the Downs. 21. Sir Hen. Palmer to [Nicholas]. Nicholas having written that the Duke would have him send some good force to Dunkirk and some also to the westward, Sir Henry reminds him that he has only four ships, the rest being dispersed elsewhere. The Lion, one of his four ships, is unserviceable. Reminds him also of the recommendation of Richard Hartey, of Thanet, for a command.

April 4. 22. Sir Nicholas Poyntz "to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." Sir Nicholas having killed a man in a street brawl, and being imprisoned in the King's Bench, paid 500*l.* to Sir Edwd. Villiers, for the Duke's use, for a pardon. The pardon had not been obtained, and, under pretence of his having excited a mutiny in the King's Bench, Sir Nicholas had been committed to Newgate to "a dungeon, without bed or light, and so inforced to lie in a coffin." Prays to be fetched out of Newgate or repaid his 500*l.*

April 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Francis Gofton. To take accompt of what monies are due to the Masters of the Mint, and what monies the Wardens of the Mint have received, and to certify. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 248.]

April 4. Newcastle. 23. Mayor and Justices of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Are bold to make known the lamentable spoil done to this nation by the Dunkirkers, who remain on the coasts taking and spoiling our ships, to the utter undoing of merchants and masters, many of the latter being taken prisoners, and to the ruin of many thousand labouring people, there being no vent for coals. One of the officers of the customs had found in a ship in that port a bag full of popish books. *Inclose,*

23. I. *Information of George Singleton, John Fortune, and Thos. Parker, as to the capture of their ship the Griffin by the Dunkirkers.* 1626, *April* 3.

23. II. *Information of Wm. Fenwick, George Stele, Lancelot Charlton, and Robert Stile, as to the capture of the Susan.* 1626, *April* 3.

23. III. *List of popish books taken in a Dutch ship the* 1*st April* 1626.

23. IV. *Information of Richard Greenhaugh, as to his finding the above books in the Flying Hart, of Hamburgh.*

23. V. *Examination of John Johnson Harte, master of the Flying Hart, as to the way in which the bag of books came to be aboard his ship.*

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April 4. 24. Petition of the Master and Company of the St. Peter, one of the King's prizes, to the Commissioners for Prizes:—They have served in the said ship from the 18th January last, and cannot receive either wages or victuals; pray that they may be paid and discharged. *Underwritten,*

24. I. *Certificate of the Commissioners to Nicholas. That there are many other ships in the same predicament, all which are commended to consideration.* 1626, *April* 4.

April 4. 25. Dep. Lieuts. of Bucks. to the Duke of Buckingham. John Knight and Thomas Cowden having been appointed to give attendance on Capt. Lea, to be taught and exercised with the rest of the band under his charge, the Dep. Lieuts. certify that both of them contemptuously neglected their duty.

April 4. Plymouth. 26. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Refer to previous letters respecting the necessities and wants of the soldiers, and their own endeavours to discharge their duties and retain all things in peace; they had, notwithstanding, on the previous night received the letter inclosed, from which it will be seen that the coals are kindling. The most certain remedy is a full supply of treasure. The subsidies of Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset might conveniently be assigned to make a beginning. *Inclose,*

26. I. *Capt. Wm. Molesworth to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, or, in his absence, to any one of the Commissioners at Plymouth. Is credibly informed that the soldiers have determined to begin their journey on Easter Monday, if they be not clothed before, and to march towards his Majesty to show their nakedness. Landulph,* 1626, *April* 3.

April 4. The Savoy. 27. George Earl of Totness to the Council. Having received letters from the Council for the loan out of the King's store of twelve culverins and demy-culverins for defence of Lynn Regis, and twenty similar pieces for Yarmouth, he sends the answer of the officers of the Ordnance. *Incloses,*

27. I. *Officers of the Ordnance to the Earl of Totness. His Majesty has no such iron ordnance in his stores; the ships also have only demy-culverins and sakers of iron, which are not of length sufficient for the required use. The King's founder has pieces to supply the petitioners' wants if they will buy them; or, if the King thinks fit to supply the necessities of these towns out of pieces which the founder has ready cast for the King's castles, a Privy Seal must be passed and present money procured for payment, which, with the carriages, will amount to about* 1,109*l.* 1626, *April* 3.

April 4. Walmer Castle. 28. Edmund Lisle, Capt. of Walmer Castle, to Nicholas. Requests warrants for swearing Isaac Adams and Wm. Gillow, in the place of John Grimes, deceased, and of Wm. Wescote, who wishes to go into the navy. The latter is the person whom Mr. Nicholas, the King's Carver, spoke for.

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April 4. 29. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend that the Friendship, of London, should be discharged, and choice made of some other fitting ship in her place.

April 4. The Downs aboard the Garland. 30. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. Reports his proceedings. Had sent three ships to the coast of Flanders, and intended to follow himself. The Turks were put on board the Sampson, by Mr. Leatt. Sends up Capt. Osborne's prize, and also Edward Monmouth, who struck his Captain in hope to be freed from the service.

April 5. 31. Remonstrance of the House of Commons, presented to the King in reply to his censure of their proceedings. [*Perhaps orig.*]

April 5. 32. Copy of the same.

April 5. Aboard the Red Lion, in Catwater. 33. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Reports of great preparations in Spain; and all the speech of it is "for England;" 80 great boats built for the landing of men, each to land 120 at a time; 140 sail are going out of Biscay to Newfoundland, to take the English fishing fleet. 30 sail of Hamburghers are riding in Torbay, all bound for Spain. If the Duke will send him speedy order he will undertake to bring them in. The whole company of the Swiftsure had that day mutinied and got ashore. He had followed them, and with the assistance of the Mayor, had brought the greatest part of them aboard again, and hoped to get the rest. He should punish some of them, but their cases are so lamentable that they are not much to be blamed. The sickness increases very much at Plymouth.

April 5. 34. Examination [before Sec. Conway?] of Francis Matthew, a Scotchman, returned from the Continent after 14 years absence.

[April 5.] 35. Observations on the examination of Francis Matthew, tending to impeach his credit.

April 5. 36. Certificate delivered to the King, containing the opinion and advice of the House of Lords on the adverse claims of Lord Willoughby of Eresby and Robert Vere to the Earldom of Oxford, the Baronies of Bulbeck, Sandford, and Badlesmere, and the office of Great Chamberlain of England.

[April 5.] 37. Case of Robert de Vere, claimant of the Earldom of Oxford on the decease of Henry, the 18th Earl.

April [5.] 38. Table showing the descent of Robert de Vere from Aubrey de Vere, the first Earl of Oxford.

April [5.] Manchester. 39. Sir Cecil Trafford and Edward Holland to Sir Humphrey May, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. In conformity with the request of Mr. Justice Harvey, they had examined Richard Hey respecting the transport of munition and money to the King's enemies beyond seas, and now inclose his examination. *Inclose,*

39. 1. *Information of the said Richard Hey, that he was informed two years ago by a nun at Gravelines, that Sir Wm. Norris, of Lancashire, had sent over to the Archduchess,* 200 *pikes,* 150 *muskets, and* 800*l. of English money.*

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April 5. 40. The House of Commons to the King. Humble remonstrance, in answer to the speeches of the King and the Lord Keeper of the 29th March 1626.

April 5. 41. Copy of the same.

April 5. 42. Another copy, differing in several places from the preceding.

April 6. London. 43. Isaac Pennington to Capt. John Pennington. Explains the delay of his previous letter. Has not received the Captain's money, although he has haunted Sir Wm. Russell. Sir Wm. would have had the writer solicit one Mr. Nicholas, but he declined, not having been used to dance attendance on great men's secretaries, whereupon "he tyed a knot in his handkercher to remember him to do it himself." The complaints of men for want of pay are lamentable. There is little hope of any good unless the King and Parliament agree.

April 6. 44. Dep. Lieuts. of Norfolk to the Council. Had taken order for the fortification of Yarmouth by collecting 400*l.* in the country, and had moved the Mayors of Norwich and Yarmouth to assist with 200*l.* more. The co. of Suffolk absolutely refused to be any way charged, although the safety of Yarmouth imported them no less than Norfolk. Houses adjoining to the walls of Yarmouth ought to be removed. Request authority therein, and a present supply of 12 pieces of ordnance.

April 6. Whitehall. 45. Duke of Buckingham to all Mayors and others, the King's officers and subjects. The Duke's servant Edw. Nicholas being employed on his Majesty's special service, they are to supply him with three good horses for himself, a servant, and a guide, both on his going and return.

April 6. Whitehall. Copy of the same unsigned, limited in the address to the King's officers, and without the clause which relates to the return. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

April 6. Houghton. 46. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Lancaster to Wm. Earl of Derby, Lord Lieut. Have caused the Trained Bands of Amounderness and Blackburn to be disciplined twice every week. Sir Cecil Trafford and Mr. Holland have only trained in every hundred twice in a fortnight, and now intend to dismiss their men. The writers will continue training until further order, which they desire to receive.

April 6. 47. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Had considered the depositions against Wm. Driver, Captain of the John Bonaventure, for releasing a ship which the Have-at-all chased for seven hours, and which chase is asserted to have belonged to Enckhuysen, although now said to be in Dunkirk. Recommend the Duke to write to Sir Henry Palmer, under whom Capt. Driver is serving, that such persons as can prove the chase to belong to Enckhuysen should be examined.

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April 6. Whitehall. 48. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. Gives account of proceedings in Parliament. The King's and Lord Keeper's speeches. The remonstrance of the Commons. The Lords' demand of the release of the Earl of Arundel. The decision respecting the Earldom of Oxford and the High Chamberlainship. The grant of supply and the Association of the West Indies.

April 6. 49. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Robt. Davies and Wm. Sutton having arrested John Harris, pressed as pilot of the St. Andrew, and needed for that service, the Commissioners suggest to the Duke to afford him the privilege of the King's service.

April 6. 50. Account of proceedings in the execution of commissions of recusancy for the cos. Hants and Wilts from the 24th March last to this day.

April 7. Whitehall. Buckingham to Thos. Askew, Master of the Desire. Instructions to ply up and down between Calais and Dunkirk, and to take or sink any of the enemies' ships which he might intercept. [*Copy. See Vol.* xviii., *No.* 67.]

April 7. Whitehall. 51. Order of Council. Six Newcastle ships having been appointed to convoy merchant ships on the North coast, it is ordered that three shall waft the North Sea fishermen, and the other three the cloth fleet of Hull.

April 8. Plymouth. 52. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. The sickness increases, but he had forborne to remove the soldiers on account of the reported intention to mutiny. Preparation was made to suppress any such evils. The soldiers wander about the country and may communicate further infection. Some of them are very rude and debauched.

April 8. Winge. 53. Sir John Conway to his kinsman Sec. Conway. Thanks for favours. Desires to have his portrait for the house in Wales.

April 8. Burton Constable. 54. Henry Viscount Dunbar to Buckingham. A ship which received divers shot under water, whereby she had been sunk, had come ashore within his liberty of Holderness with a cargo of wine much damaged. He has a grant of wreck which has been allowed by former Lord High Admirals. Many ships taken daily by Dunkirkers on that coast.

April 8. London. 55. Capt. Thos. Philpot to ——. Giving information concerning a ship presumed to be a pirate stayed at Milford Haven.

April 9. Whitehall. 56. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. In reply to his of the 5th. The delays in Parliament have caused delays in other affairs. Some money the Lord Treasurer has sent to Plymouth; he has written also to the Mayor to supply victuals. As to the Hamburghers, Pennington is to use his best advantage, and presently to put to sea. The Lords have written to the Lieuts. of the adjoining shires to prevent the mutineers assembling. [*Erroneously dated* "1625."]

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April 10. From his lodging in Westminster. 57. Capt. John Mason to Nicholas. Sent from Plymouth examinations concerning the ship taken from the Turks. It appears that they [the four sailors who took the ship] committed piracy after the death of the Turks, as is proved in the examination of John Fransom, sworn before Sir John Eliot. The ship had been employed from Sallee in piracies for three or four years, therefore, Mr. Wyan needs not make any scruple in condemning her.

April 10. Flint. 58. Commissioners for collecting the second subsidy, granted 1 Car. to the Council. Having been reminded by the Council that the subsidy for Flint in 1st Elizabeth amounted to 623*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, and in the 18th King James to 85*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, they reply that in 23rd Elizabeth, the subsidy amounted to 55*l.* 5*s.*, and in 1590 to 81*l.* 18*s.*, and that the last subsidy levied amounted to 92*l*; but that the inhabitants of that country, by ancient custom, pay a contribution called *lez mises* of 1,000 marks to the Sovereigns on their accession, and that the same must have been included in the subsidy of 1st Eliz.; they have now enhanced the subsidy to 102*l.* 18*s.*

April 10. Whitehall. 59. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. The King had not yet given an answer to the remonstrance, which they expect at their access. Hoped it would be for the King's own and the kingdom's good. Lord St. Albans is dead, and so is Sir Thos. Compton.

April 10. 60. Certificate of Captain Phineas Pett of the past services of his son, John Pett.

April 11. Plymouth. 61. John Clifton to [Nicholas]. The whole fleet is in great danger by the increase of the sickness, 40 dying last week and 20 houses shut up, and some sick, dead, and buried in less than 24 hours. Was putting aboard all the ships a month or five week's victuals to keep the men from coming ashore, and to fit the ships for removal.

April 11. 62. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Report the names of nine ships fit to form a convoy for the Newcastle fleet.

April 11. 63. The same to the same. Request the Duke to give warrant for ordnance and shot required by the ships appointed to guard the fishermen, and also by the St. George and the St. James, two of the prizes.

April 11. 64. Note of victuals supplied to the Dreadnought from January 11, to April 11, 1626.

April 11. Aboard the Red Lion in Catwater. 65. Captain John Pennington to Buckingham. The sickness daily increases; there die already 14 or 15 a day, and the inhabitants fly into the country. If money were sent they might go to the Isle of Wight, where they would be out of danger of infection and nearer their victuals. More precise instructions requested as to the prizes. Two more of Soubise's fleet went away on Saturday. The increase of the seaman's pay will be a means to bring fresh men; but, for those who have been in the service all this while, nothing

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will content them but their pay. Has kept them on with fair words, but if not sent suddenly there will be no means to keep them though they be hanged for it. It would grieve any man's heart to hear their lamentations, and to see their wants and nakedness. Repeats his request for 200*l.* for himself, and comments on the disallowance by the Commissioners of the Navy of his pay of 3*l.* per diem on his service in the Narrow Seas, and the conduct towards him of Sir Wm. Russell.

April 11. 66. Petition of Nathaniel Otby, Ensign under Captain Kirton, deceased, to "the right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." George Don, the Lieutenant, having been appointed Captain, Otby prays that he may have the place of Lieutenant.

[April 12.] 67. Minutes of business to be submitted to the King; amongst them a commendam for the Bishop of Clonfert and Kilmacough; an order for the East India merchants to transport Sir Robert Sherley and Sir Dodmore Cotton to Persia; and other matters relating to Robert Mawbery, Arnold Spencer, Mr. Samuel, Sir Henry Crofts, Thos. Baxter, Mr. Levaston, Mr. Robinson, and Sir William Bruncker.

April 12. Sherborne. 68. John Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. Lord Conway having sent him word that when he should come to London he should give notice thereof, he communicates to his Lordship that he intends, for the settling of affairs which import his whole estate, and for the recovery of his health, to repair to his private lodging at St. Giles's. If the secretary thinks there is any restraint upon the Earl, he wishes him to signify by letter when or how it was, which he shall readily obey, although loath by mistakes and conjectures to be frighted into confinement.

April 12. 69. Petition of Robert Bowes to "the right gracious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham," High Steward of Westminster. Mr. Chambers, the Duke's under-steward, having replevied goods of Barnard Saunders and Katharine his wife upon insufficient sureties, the petitioner lost his debt for which the goods were attached. Prays that Mr. Chambers may give him satisfaction.

[April 12.] 70. Petition of John Levermore to the Council. Having been sent for on a complaint touching his refusal of the office of warden of the poor, he submits and prays for his discharge.

April 13. Aboard the St. Claude, in the Downs. 71. Capt. James Mervyn to Nicholas. Complains of Thos. Rockwell, master of his ship, who had left the ship without leave of Sir Henry Palmer or himself.

April 13. Christ Church. 72. [John Speed?] to ——. Notwithstanding his blindness he had duly kept the continuation of the English Chronicle which he dedicated and presented to his Majesty, A.D. 1614, but as the affairs of the present were now more difficult to him than any of the precedent, for want of sight, liberty, and conference, he entreats that the person addressed would procure for him such an abstract of remarkable accidents and passages since his Majesty's inauguration, as might be inserted in his next impression.

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April 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the East India Merchants. For the landing of his Majesty's Ambassador for Persia and Sir Robert Sherley at "Bandergomrough;" and that they set down the means to prevent the said Ambassadors attempting anything upon their goods in Persia. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 248.]

April 13. 73. Examination of Lucy Martin, wife of John Martin, tailor, taken before Bishop Neile, of Durham, and Sir Thos. Wilson, respecting the paper which she delivered to the King on Palm Sunday last, on the Terrace at Whitehall.

April 13. Chatham. 74. Capt. Phineas Pett to Nicholas. On the suggestion of Mr. Burrell, Capt. Pett requests that his son may be appointed Captain of the Esperance, one of the convoy for the colliers.

[April 13.] 75. Minutes of various businesses to be brought before his Majesty. The following are the principal subjects:—The Earl of Anglesey; the East India Merchants and the conduct of Sir Robt. Sherley with reference to the trade with Persia; Arnold Spencer's tolls for making the river Ouse navigable; Capt. Astley and Sir George Manners.

April 14. 76. Thos. Earl of Suffolk to the Council. Commends to consideration the weak and distressed state of co. Dorset. The inhabitants of Poole and Weymouth stand in great fear, the castles are decayed, and the field-pieces and munition sent by Queen Elizabeth to Dorchester are in part unserviceable.

April 14. 77. Master and Wardens of the Trinity House to the Commissioners of the Navy. Certify their opinion in what way all the fishermen of the North coast may take the benefit of the intended convoy.

[April 14.] 78. Note of a brief speech made, or intended to be made, in the House of Commons, urging an immediate supply, as the provision for a fleet must be now made or not at all.

April 14. Aboard his ship. 79. Capt. Wm. Reskimer to Nicholas. Capt. Pennington having stayed his ship, the Esperance, for the King's service, prays that he may be continued Captain thereof.

April 14. 80. Petition of Wm. Wolcott to Buckingham. Prays that he may be allowed to turn over his gunner's place in Walmer Castle to a sufficient person, he himself being more capable to do the King service at sea.

April 15. Horsley. 81. Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey to Sec. Conway. Earnestly entreats Lord Conway to give furtherance to all things for the safety of co. Norfolk. Sir John Hobart, one of the Earl's Dep. Lieuts., promised the Earl, when he was in the Tower, to put Lord Conway in mind of some things, and as the Earl meets with anything fit he will give him notice.

April 15. Hinton. 82. John Poulett to the same. Sends a paper relating to the state of the forest of Roche, that he may make stay of warrants for cutting trees therein. Mons. de Soubise hopes shortly to kiss the King's hand.

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83. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. They receive lamentable informations from poor sea-faring men taken by the Dunkirkers on our coasts, and their ships burned and sunk. The parcel of popish books found in a ship in that port was brought over by Anthony Vandenhaudt, whom they have committed to prison until their Lordships' pleasure be known. A man and boy, the former supposed to be a seminary priest, have been found disguised as mariners aboard a ship bound for Calais. They have been committed to gaol to await further directions. *Inclose,*

83. I. *Information of William White and Thos. Ford as to the capture of their ship, the George Bonaventure, of Yarmouth, by a Dunkirk man-of-war.* 1626, *April* 13.

83. II. *Examination of Anthony Vandenhaudt, servant to Sir Richard Hodgson, of Hebron, co. Durham, as to his baggage and companions on his voyage from Calais in the ship whereof John Johnson Hart was master.* 1626, *April* 4.

83. III. *Copy of the preceding.*

83. IV. *Re-examination of John Johnson Hart as to the fardel of popish books, being part of the baggage of Anthony Vandenhaudt.* 1626, *April* 12.

83. V. *Copy of the preceding.*

83. VI. *Examination of Yockin Lewis, one of the ship's company, as to the passengers brought from Calais, and an exclamation of Anthony Vandenhaudt, on learning that his fardel had been seized.* 1626, *April* 5.

83. VII. *Copy of the preceding.*

83. VIII. *Similar examination of John Bewkeman, another of the ship's company.* 1626, *April* 5.

83. IX. *Copy of the preceding.*

83. X. *Examination of William Swan, as to the arrest of the man and boy, suspected to be a seminary priest and his pupil.* 1626, *April* 14.

83. XI. *The like of Dudley Swan, who searched the arrested man, who gives the name of Thos. Shepherd.* 1626, *April* 14.

83. XII. *The like of Wm. Cornew, master of the ship in which Thos. Shepherd was arrested.* 1626, *April* 14.

83. XIII. *The like of Thos. Browne, seaman in the said vessel, which was called the Seahorse.* 1626, *April* 14.

83. XIV. *The like of Edwd. Grocer.* 1626, *April* 13.

83. XV. *The like of Edwd. Bainbrigg.* 1626, *April* 14.

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83. XVI. *The like of Thos. Shepherd, born at Broome, co. Suffolk educated at Bennet College, Cambridge; has lived in Barnard's Inn, London, on the Continent, and in Gray's Inn.* 1626, *April* 13.

83. XVII. *Re-examination of Thos. Shepherd.* 1626, *April* 14.

83. XVIII. *Examination of John Clopton, son of Robt. Clopton, late of Idberry, co. Oxon, the boy arrested with Shepherd.* 1626, *April* 13.

April 15. Plymouth. 84. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Formerly wrote about a Portuguese detained there a prisoner, and his goods seized by Sir Jas. Bagg. His case is very lamentable. Were it not of tender compassion by some of that town, he had, ere this, been starved in prison. The Mayor begs that he may receive directions either to send him to London or to set him at liberty.

April 15. 85. Certificate of David [?] Branson, that from the 12th January last till this day, the Anne Royal had been supplied with what victuals had been wanting, by Sir Thos. Love.

April 15. Chatham Dock. 86. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. John Tise, cook of the Adventure, having been arrested at Rochester, Downing had, on his request, appointed Robert Bevyn to be his deputy.

April 15. 87. Sir Alexander Brett to Nicholas. Recommends Capt. Mennes for command of a ship. Statement of his past services.

April 15. 88. Certificate of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House, of the sufficiency of Henry Cheyney to be Captain of the Mary Magdalen.

April 15. Aboard the Garland in Stokes Bay. 89. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. The ships have not returned from France, and he has been informed that the captains who had the charge of bringing them over are gone to Paris to speak with the King. Shall want a warrant for a press for men to leave in them; and also an inventory of the ordnance and other things he is to demand from them.

April 15. Aboard the Garland in Stokes Bay. 90. The same to Nicholas. Urges him to procure a despatch of the warrant for a press mentioned in his letter to the Duke. Victuals wanted for the Lion and St. Claude. Entreats that the St. Peter at Dover may be speeded away with John Tench for Captain. Capt. Mervyn's master has much misbehaved himself.

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April 16. 1. Edward Bennett to Buckingham. Suggests that Acts of Parliament should be passed prohibiting ships under 300 or 400 tons from bringing coals from Newcastle to London, and also prohibiting the importation of Spanish tobacco.

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April 16. Aboard the St. Claude in Stokes Bay. 2. Capt. Jas. Mervyn to Nicholas. In consequence of the misconduct of the master of his ship, Sir Henry Palmer has given warrant to another to supply his place. Desires that the Duke will own him for one of his servants in his next letter to Sir H. Palmer.

April 16. Harwich. 3. Certificate from the master and other officers of the Aletheia, that it was their ship that took a Dunkirk prize, on April 10.

April 16. Portsmouth. 4. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. On his arrival at that place, he despatched letters to his Grace, but finding no postmaster, nor any that would undertake to convey letters, he had been fain to hire a messenger of purpose, which is so great an inconvenience that he beseeches the Duke to consider it. The Mayor says, that unless order be taken to set up stages he cannot help it.

April 16. Woodbridge. 5. W. Seckford to the Dep. Lieuts. of Suffolk. At the Muster on Feb. 28 last, Wm. Alston, of Woodbridge, contemptuously refused to serve in his arms, and John Lowes, minister of Brandeston, refused to show his customary musket.

April 16. 6. Ralph Sal—— to Robert Worth. Requests him to deal with his brothers about the payment of his annuity to his host there, in gratitude for his charity towards him and his charges in regard of travels in Italy and France. The contents of his will. His last passage, if his sickness continue, is near at hand.

[April 16.] 7. Suggestion [of Nicholas] to Buckingham. That ton and tonnage was given for the maintenance of ships to defend the coast and keep the castles and forts in good repair; and that he, as Lord Admiral, ought to demand from the Lord Treasurer, a supply out of the same for those purposes, and ought to cause his demand to be registered, for his discharge, in the Council Book. On other parts of the same paper, are the form of such a demand, prepared by Nicholas, and memoranda relating to obtaining an order of Council or proclamation for the encouragement of English seamen to take the ships of the enemy, by giving them all the contents of ships taken, except the ordnance.

April 17. 8. Nicholas to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord President. Minute for the Earl, in consequence of the illness of Buckingham, to make the demand on his behalf mentioned in the preceding paper.

April 17. 9. Copy of the preceding, with memorandum of its delivery to the Lord President.

April 17. 10. Notes of report made to the House of Commons by Mr. Pym, in the case of Richard Mountague, with the debate thereon, and the determination of the House. At the end are added, "The heads of the charge against the B[ishop] of B[angor]." [*The paper is indorsed in the handwriting of Bishop Laud.*]

April 17. 11. Geo. Southcott to his cousin [Nicholas]. Congratulations on his great hopes of much good fortune, and thanks for his loving remembrance in two letters to Mr. Drake. The burgesship for Tiverton, for a gentleman he wrote for, was effected.

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April 17. Wenham Magna. 12. Jo. Motte to Robert Earl of Warwick. The writer's man, travelling between Colchester and Stanway, found the upper part of a glove, and in it a letter, of which he sends a copy. *Annexed,*

12. 1. *John D—— to Walter Denbe. Sends account of preparations in the Netherlands and Spain for the invasion of England, and also of the rumours prevalent as to the state of England. Dunkirk, April 2.*

April 17. Plymouth. 13. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Recapitulate the measures they had taken to suppress the rising mutiny of the soldiers; but they cannot be long continued in this manner; neither can the seamen, if they be not supplied with clothes and fresh victuals. Their credit is exhausted.

April 17. 14. Paper entitled, in the handwriting of Bishop Laud, "Recusants within my diocese of St. David's, at Easter 1626."

April 17. Durham. 15. Sir George Booth, Collector of Loans on Privy Seals for co. Chester, to Lord Keeper Coventry. Sent up 893*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* about the middle of February. Since then has received only about 50*l.* or 60*l.* Excuses now made by various persons, who formerly stated their intention to pay.

April 18. "From our Sessions at Oxon." 16. Justices of co. Oxford to the Council. The gentlemen by whom the pension of 52*s.* was granted out of the County of Oxford to Leonard Clarke, afterwards revoked the same, which the writers conceive was done for just cause, and they therefore decline to renew the same.

April 18. 17. Edm. Lisle to Nicholas. Repeats his desire for warrants for Wm. Gillow and Isaac Adams to be Gunners in Walmer Castle.

April 18. 18. Thos. Fulnetby to the same. Jacob, the diver, was allowed by Lord Zouch for iron ordnance taken out of the sea a fourth part, and a third for brass.

[April 18.] 19. Speech of a Peer in the House of Lords, on the question of privilege raised by the commitment of the Earl of Arundel on the command of the King. The speaker argues from his Majesty's love of equity that he must have had good cause for the restraint of the Earl.

April 18. Aboard the Red Lion in Catwater. 20. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. No money come to them as yet, and the supply from the Commissioners so poor that if there be not sudden order otherwise, the Duke must expect nothing but confusion. The Hamburghers were past before the receipt of the Duke's order. A fleet of Hollanders, of 200 sail, had passed to the westward, putting the country in great fear.

April 18. Aboard the Red Lion in Catwater. 21. The same to Nicholas. Received his letter to the Commissioners to furnish their wants until 2,000*l.* could be sent down, but 2,500*l.* will not pay the debts for things already received. Will press the Duke no further, finding it is not well taken. Enumerates points on which he had written for instructions, and entreats Nicholas to remind his Grace of them.

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April 19. Whitehall. 22. Order of Council that the three ships ordered to waft the cloth fleet should waft the same home again, and then go to waft the Northern fishing fleet on their return voyage.

April 19. Manchester. 23. Sheriff and Dep. Lieuts. of co. Lancaster to Wm. Earl of Derby. Report in what manner three of the four serjeants sent down to exercise the Trained Bands of that county in the modern use of arms had executed their charge, and what payments and gratuities had been made to them.

April 19. Beverley Sessions. 24. Justices of Yorkshire to the Council. On their Lordships' recommendation, they had given order to restore Thos. Spight to his pension, so long as he shall continue of fitting carriage and be serviceable to the country.

April 19. Westminster. 25. Warrant for payment to Henry Seckford, Master of the Tents and Pavilions, of 353*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.*, being a debt of the late King, and due on account, up to Feb. 28, 1621.

April 19. Whitehall. 26. Copy of entry made on the Council Register, that information had been given to the Board by the Lord President, on behalf of the Lord Admiral, respecting the repair of castles and provisioning the fleet out of the subsidy of tonnage and poundage, with the answer of the Lord Treasurer, that the said subsidy was assigned in part for the King's Household, and the remainder for certain sea services. If such assignment were broken the House must of necessity break.

April 19. 27. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. According to his reference they had considered the petition of Anthony Berry, and recommended the Duke to give order for obtaining a Privy Seal to allow him 55*l.* for his ketch sunk on the return of the fleet from Spain. *Annexed is,*

27. 1. *Order of Council of War of the Expeditionary Fleet, for sinking the said ketch after having set a value on her hull, and removing her crew and contents to the Convertive.* 1625, *Nov.* 14.

April 19. 28. Remonstrance and petition of the House of Lords to the King, touching the commitment of the Earl of Arundel.

April 19. 29. Another copy; with minute of the King's answer of the 20th April, underwritten.

April 19. Another copy. [*See Vol.* xviii., *No.* 104.]

[April 19.] 30. The King to the House of Lords. Message in reply to the above remonstrance and petition. [*This is in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, and was probably a draft of a suggested answer. It does not appear to have been ever delivered.*]

[April 19.] 31. Copy of the above.

April 19. 32. Petition of John Earl of Bristol to the House of Lords. Had lately received his writ of Parliament, but with it a letter from the Lord Keeper, commanding him in the King's name to forbear his

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personal attendance. Shall obey his Majesty, but submits how far this may trench on the liberty of his Peers. Prays that he may be heard both on the point of his own wrongs, and as an accuser of the Duke of Buckingham.

April 19. 33. Copy of the same, in the handwriting of Sir Robert Heath.

April 19. 34. Another copy.

April 19. 35. A further copy.

April 19. Another copy. [*See Vol.* xviii., *No.* 104.]

April 19. 36. Certificate of Francis Rowley, Vicar of Eccleshall for 17 years, that Sir John Peshall, indicted for not going to church, had come to church for the time aforesaid as an obedient subject ought to do.

April 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Churchwardens of St. Martin's parish. To suffer the corpse of one of the Queen's Household, a Frenchman, to be carried to the appointed place of burial without fees. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 248.]

April 20. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Jesson, Master of the Expedition to the East. [2 letters]. To receive Sir Dodmore Cotton and Sir Robert Sherley into his ship, and transport them into Persia, and if "the Lord Nagdi Bey" come aboard, to use his Majesty's Ambassador with due respect. [*Minute, ibid.*]

April 20. Whitehall. The same to Sir Dodmore Cotton. Signifying the receipt of his letter and what he hath done in the business. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 249.]

[April 20.] Note by Sec. Coke of a communication which he was directed by the King to make to the East India Company, respecting his Majesty's purpose in sending Sir Robert Sherley to Persia. The Company were to transport Sir Robert Sherley and Sir Dodmore Cotton, and to set Sir Robert free by paying his debts, which would not exceed 2,000*l.* [*See Vol.* xi., *No.* 78.]

April 20. Beaumaris. 37. Justices of Anglesea to the Council. On their Lordships' letter for the deeper cessing themselves and others in the subsidy, they had strained themselves on his Majesty's pressing occasions to pay double their subsidy at that time.

April 20. Southampton. 38. Commissioners at Southampton to Sec. Conway. Solicit his interference to prevent a duel between Lieut. St. Paul and Mr. Gibbs.

April 20. 39. Account of Madame de Casselle, for letters received since the last of February.

April 21. 40. Examination of Nicholas Kendall before Attorney General Heath, with a certificate underwritten of his having taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy on the following day.

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April 21. 41. Message from the King to the House of Lords touching the petition of the Earl of Bristol. The King signifies his pleasure that the Earl should be sent for as a delinquent, to answer his offences committed in his negotiations in Spain; and also, in scandalizing the Duke of Buckingham, and by reflection, the King. [*In the handwriting of Sir Robert Heath.*]

April 21. 42. Copy of the same.

April 21. 43. Another copy of the same.

April 22. 44. Information of Simon Weedon, Humphrey Benning, and Mary his wife, concerning the murder of John Weedon, in Charter House Yard, by the Porter of the Venetian Ambassador and two other persons.

April 22. Catwater. 45. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Money and credit having both failed, Mr. Clifton, employed there by Sir Allen Apsley for victualling the ships, is forced to repair to his Grace for redress. Pennington enforces their distressed condition, and explains how little assistance had been obtained from the Treasurer's letter to the Commissioners and the letters of credit of Sir William Russell.

April 22. Whitehall. 46. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. Both the Houses of Parliament begin to work to a height. The King has given the Commons leave to proceed with their grievances. The Earl of Bristol is sent for as a delinquent, and the King has charged him with miscarriages in Spain; and since, Lord Bristol gave some information to the Lower House against the Duke, which they would refer to the consideration of the Lords. My Lord Chamberlain does not think fit his Majesty should stand neutral towards the Arminians. No answer yet concerning the Earl of Arundel.

April 22. 47. Certificate of Robert Hemsworth in favour of Capt. John Hagthorpe, to be Captain of one of the ships to waft the cloth fleet to the East land.

April 22. 48. Purser's account of victuals supplied to the Rainbow.

April 22. Salisbury. 49. Sir Thos. Sadler to Sir Wm. Becher. In answer to a complaint exhibited against Sir Thos. to the Council by a butcher.

April 22. 50. John Millington to his brother Gilbert Millington. Thus the world wags. The King's last message was, that if the House would not give him a great supply he must resolve of new counsels, and dissolve them. They determined to give the King an answer when they had made ready the grievances which the Duke has brought on the kingdom; some of them enumerated. Lord Digby [the Earl of Bristol] sent for by Maxwell, the Officer of the Black Rod. Speeches of Kirton and Sir Dudley Carleton.

April 22. 51. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Certificate of their proceedings as Commissioners for the Conservancy of the River Tyne, from Michaelmas 1625 to Easter then next.

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April [22?] 52. Minutes of motions to be made by Buckingham in the Council, for the appointment of an effectual commission for sale of prize goods, and for a proclamation announcing the increase in seamen's wages.

April 23. 53. Petition of James Cambell, of London, Alderman, to the Council. The petitioner having sued Edwd. Emerson, was ordered by the Council to suspend his suit for twelve months. Twenty months more have elapsed and no payment, he therefore prays for redress. Underwritten is an order of the Council that Emerson should satisfy the petitioner within that month or else appear before their Lordships.

April 23. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Solicitor General Sheldon. To prepare a Commission for the town of Denbigh to take musters, impress soldiers, &c., as they formerly did. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 248.]

April 23. Aboard the St. Claude. 54. Capt. James Mervyn to Nicholas. Giving particulars of the misconduct of Mr. Rockwell, the master of his ship.

April 23. Aboard the Garland in Stokes Bay. 55. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. He could not yet hear anything of the ships to come from Rochelle. Requests orders that he may go to sea. The Have-at-all had brought in from the coast of France a Flemish bottom, laden with coal, whose crew forsook her during the chase. Recommends as Postmaster for Portsmouth one whose father held that place.

April 23. Aboard the Garland. 56. The same to Nicholas. The particulars respecting Capt. Mervyn's master must be attested by Dover men, but his violent conduct to his Captain can be witnessed to there. If the St. Peter be claimed by the French, he recommends Capt. Tench for another ship.

April 23. Winchelsea. 57. Mayor and Jurats of Winchelsea to the same. Have chosen Robert Boteler and Giles Waters to travel to London to prevent the mischievous practices of the late disfranchised mayors, Mr. Collins and Mr. Roberts, with the rest. The Mayor and Jurats recommend their messengers to Nicholas, who was acquainted, when in the service of Lord Zouch, with their troubles respecting their late disfranchised corporation.

April 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir William Cockin and others, Aldermen of London. Four letters in the behalf of Francis Pember, of the County of Hereford, to be freed from being Alderman of London, in regard of the weakness of his estate, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 249.]

April 24. 58. Sir Dodmore Cotton to Sec. Conway. The [East India] merchants have ordered nothing as yet. Capt. Hall had taken charge of the ship. A report that the merchants would have the Persian along in their ship, the inconvenience and danger of which he had before expressed.

April 24 [?] Hackwood. 59. John Lord St. John to Sec. Conway. With his father's [the Marquis of Winchester's] arms were removed from Basing four barrels of powder, which were the supply for Netley Castle. Begs for a warrant to remove the same to the castle.

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[April 24.] Report made by Mr. Gifford to the House of Commons of the answer of the Duke of Buckingham to the message of the House, sent by Mr. Gifford and Sir John Hippisley on the 22nd inst. [*This is in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, and whether actually spoken or merely a suggested draft does not appear. See Vol.* XXV., *No.* 30.]

April 24. 60. Copy of the above.

April 24. Whitehall. Proclamation for better furnishing the navy, and for the increase of shipping. The wages of sailors serving the King were increased from 14*s.* a month to 20*s.*, with allowance thereout of 4*d.* to a preacher, 2*d.* to a barber, and 6*d.* a month to the chest; and a bounty of 5*s.* per ton was promised to every one who built a ship of above 100 tons. [*Coll. Procs. Car.* I., *No.* 41.]

April 24. The Savoy. 61. George Earl of Totness to the Council. Had obeyed their orders for furnishing Lynn Regis with ten pieces of ordnance of culverins and sakers; but it was his duty to give them to understand what multiplicity of similar suitors there would be from all the coast towns, and the danger that might ensue if ordnance provided for the ships were wanting when most needed.

April 24. The Tower. 62. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Mr. Fielding has commended John Harwood for a Purser's place. Sir Allen will take care that the steward under him shall be sufficient, therefore Nicholas is requested to get a warrant for Harwood to be Purser of the St. George.

April 24. Aboard the Delight in Dover Road. 63. Capt. Wm. Cooke to the same. He had received a letter from Sir Hen. Palmer for bringing up the Delight. The owners have reported her insufficiency, but she is one of the best merchantmen in the service. He and Capt. Paramour are waiting the coming over of Mons. de Blainville, Lord Ambassador, after which he will bring up the ship.

April 24. 64. Sir Thos. Glemham to Dep. Lieuts. of co. Suffolk. Certifying that John Elmy, of Parham, and John Dowsing, of Glemham, absented themselves from the Musters.

April 24. Barnstaple. 65. Mayor and Justices of Barnstaple to the Council. Capt. Thos. Lindsay, Commander of one of the companies returned from Cadiz, had spoken words which had caused them to commit him to custody, until their Lordships' pleasure was known. *Inclose,*

65. I. *Examinations of Edward Heywood, Edward Poyntz, and Nicholas Voysey, who depose to having heard Capt. Lindsay declare that the Duke was his King.*

April 24. 66. Humphrey Venner to the Council. In contradiction of a statement relating to himself in the preceding depositions of Edwd. Heywood, Edwd. Poyntz, and Nicholas Voysey.

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April 25. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Dodmore Cotton. His Majesty's pleasure is, that the King of Persia's Ambassador shall wait another passage, in regard of the inconveniences that may come by the Ambassadors going both in one ship. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 249.]

April 25. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Hall, of the expedition. To the same purpose. [*Minute, ibid.*]

[April 25.] 67. Note of part of a speech made, or intended to be made, in the House of Commons. The speaker alludes to a declaration which had been made of the urgent necessities of the kingdom, and infers that the applications for supply had been prompted by necessity, and not by a desire to stop the consideration of grievances.

April 25. 68. Capt. John Mason to Nicholas. The King of Spain's old confederates of Hamburgh and subjects of Flanders, if deprived of a passage through the Narrow Seas, will, as in Queen Elizabeth's time, make their passage to Spain by the back parts of Scotland and Ireland. Ships stationed about the Isle of Sunda, on the north-west of Ireland, and about the Isles of Scilly, would therefore make as good prizes as those in the Narrow Seas.

April 25. 69. Minute by Nicholas of motions to be made in the Council by the Duke of Buckingham, for ordnance to be lent to colliers, and for a new arrangement in lieu of the 5,000*l.* bond required to be entered into on taking out letters of marque.

April 25. 70 Commissioners of the Navy to the Captain of the St. George. Warrant to him to cause John Harwood to be entered Purser of the St. George.

April 25. Plympton Maurice. 71. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Reiterate their application for money. Both the soldiers and the country begin to murmur, and will shortly become dangerous. They receive no other news but that of the Turks infesting the coast and carrying away the subjects and their goods, whilst the King's ships lie still in harbour to the charge of the King and shame of the nation. The pitiful lamentation made by wives and children for their husbands, fathers, and brothers is grievous. *Inclose,*

71. I. *Examination of John Rendell and John Ritchie, whose ship the Christian, bound for Newfoundland, had been rifled by the Turks, and nine of her crew taken for slaves.*

April 26. 72. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Request him to consider an above written certificate of Sir Thos. Love in favour of Robert Boynes, and to appoint him to the next vacant carpenter's place.

April 26. Trinity House, Ratcliff. 73. Master and Elder Brethren of the Trinity House to the Commissioners of the Navy. Have viewed the Truelove, and find her fit to have 14 pieces of ordnance.

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April 26. 74. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Upon his Grace's reference to them of the petition of Capt. Powlett, they remit the evidence taken by them with reference to the articles exhibited against Timothy Bugby, master of the Timothy. They suggest a further reference to Capt. Pennington and the Commissioners at Plymouth. To prevent such abuses in future, they also suggest the establishment of a Council with a commissary on board every ship.

April 26. 75. Petition of the Eastland Merchants to the "high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham," praying for a convoy for five ships laden with dyed and dressed cloths, which will be ready to depart for the East country at the beginning of May. *Underwritten,*

75. I. *A reference of the petition to the Commissioners of the Navy to advise of a fit ship.*

75. II. *Report of the Commissioners, recommending the Hector, Richard Harris, Capt.*

April 27. Armington, co. Devon. 76. Andrew Mudd to Sec. Conway. Sets forth a variety of frauds committed in the billeting of the soldiers, whereby the burthen was transferred from the rich to the poor.

April 27. 77. Commissioners of theNavy to Wm. Cooke, one of the principal Masters attendant of the Navy, directing him to repair on board the Reformation, now riding at Kinsale, and as master to see her fitted and brought round to Chatham.

April 28. Dartmouth. 78. Mayor of Dartmouth to the Council. A warlike ship belonging to Sir Edwd. Seymour had brought into Dartmouth an Irish bark from Newhaven to Dundalk. In searching her a priest from Douay was found aboard, who had been committed to Exeter gaol. He gives the name of Edmd. Relly. The Sallee pirates have come into the Channel, and have taken three barks bound for Newfoundland, and probably many others. Within 12 months these barbarians have bereaved the King of many subjects and much impoverished that part of the kingdom.

April 28. 79. Commissioners of the Navy to the Council. Having been directed to see what could be done towards reforming the abuse of the overweight of iron ordnance, they had consulted divers gunfounders, but found John Browne alone willing to assist them. He had succeeded in casting six pieces, which had endured the King's double proof, and yet were lighter than brass ordnance. Recommend that he should receive 200*l.* as a reward.

April 28. 80. Copy of the preceding.

April 28. May 8. 81. Licence of John Francis Archbishop of Patras and Legate from Pope Urban VIII. to John Trumbull [Tromble], priest, to administer

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the sacraments of baptism, penance, the eucharist, extreme unction, and matrimony, throughout Ireland and Scotland, and, with the licence of the Bishop of Chalcedon, throughout England.

April 28. Note of resolutions of the House of Commons for annexing to the charge against the Duke of Buckingham, a new charge, founded on the application of a plaister and administration of a drink to the late King in his last sickness. [*See Vol.* xxiii., *No.* 68.]

[April 28.] 82. Wm. Byng and Edmd. Lisle, Captains of Deal and Walmer Castles, to the Council. Represent the decay of those castles and the encroachments of the sea.

April 28. 83. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends William Whittingham for Purser of the Anne of London, one of the convoy for the fishermen.

April 28. 84. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. It was no fault of theirs that Sir Hen. Palmer's ships, brought up to refit, were not despatched away again: they had been appointed convoys by the Duke. Other ships suggested to be sent to Sir Henry in their stead. 200*l.* a-piece would make the prizes St. Anne and St. Mary good men-of-war, but these services cannot proceed without money.

April 28. London. 85. A[lexander] Gil to Wm. Pickering. A friendly letter of remonstrance against his not writing. Inquires anxiously respecting the progress of the sickness at Oxford. St. George's Feast was kept yesterday at Whitehall. The Duke, as they say of him, *morbo comitiali laborat.* Would this business were off or on, for, like Davus, *perturbat omnia.* Digby [Bristol] is come up, and he has somewhat to say. Allusions to Dr. Prideaux and many other Oxford men.

April 28. 86. The Council to Thos. Trussell. Warrant for the apprehension of Pierce Butler; with a memorandum, endorsed, dated 1626, May 14, and signed by the Lord President of the Council, authorizing the messenger to keep Mr. Pierce Butler in safe custody until further order.

April 29. 87. Report of proceedings of the House of Commons in the case of Mr. Mountague; with the resolutions passed on considering the report of the committee to whom his books had been referred.

April 29. Rochester. 88. Sir Francis Nethersole to Lord —— Wishes him to explain to their Majesties, that he was detained on his journey to France by not having received letters to my Lords the Ambassadors, prepared by Lord Conway.

April 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to John Earl of Bristol. In answer to a petition delivered to his Majesty, that he may come to make his answer in the Upper House of Parliament. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 249.]

April 29. Dover. 89. Sir Dodmore Cotton to Sec. Conway. In commendation of Capt. Cooke, Commander of the Delight. The officers of that ship report that she is most fit for his Majesty's service. The castles of Deal slightly guarded.

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April 29. 90. Sir Wm. Russell to Wm. Burrell. Recommends George Swanley for appointment as Purser to the St. Ann; with a memorandum underwritten by Sir Allen Apsley, that he would procure the appointment for Swanley.

April 29. 91. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Instead of building 6 tartanes to encounter the enemy's sloops and bilander boats, as suggested by the Duke, the Commissioners, considering the scarcity of money, recommend the building of only 2 tartane boats, under the direction of Capt. Gyffard, and that 5 of the prizes be fitted up either to sail or row, which can be done with little charge and completed in a month. Recommend a pinnace for the guard of Jersey, and advise the Duke what ship to appoint to waft the East Country fleet, and also that the St. George should be repaired at Portsmouth instead of being brought about to Chatham. Have taken order to send masts and other supplies for her, as well as for the Reformation.

[April 30.] 92. Information of Thos. Gray and Francis Scarth. The ships bound for Newcastle became bound to one another, by the exchange of sixpence in silver, not to part company until they arrived at Newcastle; but two Dunkirkers having set upon two of the hindermost ships, one Gibbins, master of the Alexander, who was Admiral of the fleet, ran away, whereby those two ships were lost.

April 30. Stokes Bay. 93. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. He had not heard anything of the ships from France, but a Scottish ship reported that they were ready to sail for England eight days before Tuesday last. He will put to sea. About Weymouth, 5 ships, which he suspects, have been plying off and on these three days. Hears that the Lion had brought a Dunkirker into Plymouth.

April 30. Stokes Bay. 94. The same to Nicholas. A small bark of Middleburgh brought in prize by Capt. Warner, but Sir Henry desires further proof. Hears rumours that Sir Henry Mervin is to be restored to his place, but he disregards these rumours having confidence in the Duke.

[April 30.] 95. Petition of Edward Roberts, master of the True Love, of London, to the Council.—The ship had been for nine months in the King's service, and being now discharged unpaid, the petitioner prays that, although a Flemish bottom, Thos. Gibbs, Alexander Banister, and Allen Penny, her owners, being native Englishmen, may be permitted to furnish her, being a ship of 300 tons, with 18 pieces of ordnance.

[April.] 96. Warrant directing [Attorney General Heath] to prepare an indenture appointing Sir Edward Villiers and Sir Wm. Parkhurst, Wardens of the Mint, Richard Rogers, Comptroller, and Andrew Palmer, Assay Master, Commissioners for coining money at the Mint for 11 years.

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[April.] 97. Brief memoranda, stated in the indorsement to have been derived from a report of the physicians of London, touching the contagion. It is in the handwriting of Sir Dudley Carleton, and enumerates what were then deemed the secondary causes of the plague.

[April?] 98. Answers given by Nicholas to a Committee of the House of Commons, respecting his share in the business of lending the Vanguard and other ships to the French. He declines to make a full declaration without leave of his Majesty and the Duke. What he conceals would be much to the Duke's honour. The Captains were not bound to trust to what he said without seeing his warrant. He received a present from the Ambassador when he took his leave and never concealed the same.

[April.] 99. Account of payments ordered, by way of anticipation, to be made out of the revenue for the present year; total, 94,753*l.* 15*s.*

[April.] 100. Account of [the Purser of] the Red Lion of various provisions received on board from October 20, 1625, to this time.

[April?] 101. Sir Nicholas Poyntz to the Council. Having by their warrant been sent to the loathsome prison of Newgate, prays that he may have leave to sue out a habeas corpus for his removal back again to the King's Bench.

[April?] 102. Sir John Killigrew to Sec. Conway. Appeals to him to remove Captain Benython from the command of Pendennis Castle on account of his misconduct, principally of a private and personal nature, against Sir John.

[April?] 103. The King to George Earl of Totness, Master General of the Ordnance. Warrant has been given to the Master of the Office of the Armoury to deliver to Thos. Powell, Keeper of the stores of the Ordnance, all arms in the armoury which either are or may be made serviceable. All such arms as are not serviceable are to be presently delivered out to be repaired.

[April?] 104. The King to the Duke of Buckingham. The expedition of last year through some disorder and miscarriage, as commonly happens in the entrance of great attempts, did not effect that service upon the King of Spain which might have been expected; this year that King's preparations are in an unusual proportion, and not being forced to divide his shipping for the convoy of his treasure, he cannot easily be diverted from assailing us, as well from Portugal as Flanders; wherefore the Duke is directed to make ready with all speed a fleet of 20 King's ships and 100 merchant ships of from 300 tons and upwards. [*Draft, in the handwriting of Sec. Coke.*]

[April?] 105. Petition of Sir Robert Killigrew, Captain of Pendennis Castle, to the Council of War.—Petitioner has been a suitor for ten years for a supply for the castle and alterations in the fortifications. Obtained 350*l.* from the late Council of War for works long since finished. For 9 years there has not been a piece of ordnance mounted, and at

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this time there are not above 4 barrels of powder. Prays for repairs, and also that the garrison of 50 men may have their pay, which they have been two years without. "Had they not lived on limpets (a poor kind of shell fish), without bread or any other sustenance," save some small relief from the petitioner, they had all been starved.

[April.] 106. Minute of the petition of Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour to the King. His object is to buy the remainder out of the Crown of some of his lands, and by the sale thereof to furnish himself "for the action." King James would have granted the petition, as the Lord Keeper can witness.

[April ?] 107. Minute of a suggestion made to [Lord Conway]. The King having written to Sir Wm. Fleetwood, Sir Robert Banaster, Mr. Hampden, and Mr. Crane, respecting the debt due to the Widow Lancaster, they had procured her the payment of 100*l.* Sir Francis Goodwin and others who owe part of the money, and oppose the payment, are now in town. It is suggested that the parties should be sent for and the matter be heard on both sides.

[April ?] 108. Petition of Philip Burlamachi to the Council. In November last, petitioner provided 70,000*l.* for the King of Denmark and Count Mansfeldt, and in payment obtained an assignment of part of the second subsidy money, and also of part of the money to arise out of the prizes sent from Plymouth; of the latter amount, 3,620*l.* has been diverted to other purposes for the King's special use, wherefore he prays for payment out of the prizes adjudged at Dover, and then selling in London.

[April ?] 109. Petition of a person unnamed to Sec. Conway; that he would remember at the Council the business of Jacques Borrell the younger, of Middleburgh, concerning his goods questioned at Dover, that he may once for all receive an end of his suit.

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May 1. 1. Articles exhibited in Parliament by Sir Robert Heath, Attorney General, on his Majesty's behalf, against John Earl of Bristol.

May 1. 2. Draft of the same articles, in the handwriting of Sir Robert Heath.

May 1. 3. Similar articles exhibited by the Earl of Bristol against the Duke of Buckingham.

May 1. 4. Copy of the preceding.

May 1. 5. Another copy.

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[May 1 ?] 9. Comments on the conduct of the Earl of Bristol in Spain, and his alleged suggestion to the King of a change of religion.

May 1. 10. Wm. Burrell, Commissioner of the Navy, to Nicholas. The Minion and the Prosperous, appointed to convoy the fishermen, now wait only for an order for their ordnance.

May 1. 11. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Thos. Irish for appointment as Boatswain.

May 1. 12. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Daniel Holstock for Purser of one of the ships about to be built, and Richard Wye as Assistant Surgeon at Chatham.

May 1. 13. Richard Hamon to the Council. Having been fetched up from Ellingham, co. Norfolk, by a messenger, as he supposes on some complaint for neglect of arms, he prays to be discharged, having been a prisoner in the Fleet for almost four years.

May 1. 14. Declaration of the present estate of the City of Exeter, and its inability to set forth any shipping.

[May 2 ?] Speech of Sec. Coke in the House of Commons, on the present important occasions for a supply, and on the proportion of help these occasions require. [*See Vol.* xi., *No.* 78.]

May 2. 15. Articles propounded in the Court of Admiralty by Williamson Wyan, proctor of Sir John Eliot, in answer to exceptions to Sir John's account of his receipts as Vice Admiral of Devon. In these articles Sir John Eliot claims that, as Vice Admiral he was entitled to one moiety of all ships of pirates stayed by him within his Vice Admiralty, and that having stayed a ship called the Joshua, the Duke of Buckingham gave the same, being worth 1,000*l.*, to Sir Edward Seymour, without any compensation to Sir John Eliot.

May 2. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 16. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. On the last day of April there arrived at Newcastle from Calais a ship belonging to Enckhuysen, with three passengers, and many books, reliques, and faculties of priests. The passengers and the master have been committed for safe custody. Their examinations are inclosed, with a list of the books. Speedy directions are requested. *Inclose,*

16. I. *Examination of Yockin Johnson, master of the Fortune, of Enckhuysen.*

16. II. *Further examination of the said Yockin Johnson.*

16. III. *Examination of Zacharias Vandersteyne.*

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24 I. *Report of Sir Henry Marten, recommending the petition on both points to the compassionate consideration of their Lordships.*

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May 3. Westminster. 33. The King to the Duke of Buckingham; the Earls of Pembroke, Carlisle, and Totness; Edwd. Viscount Wimbledon, Oliver Viscount Grandison; Edwd. Lord Conway, Fulke Lord Brooke, Horace Lord Vere, Sir Dudley Carleton, and Sir John Coke; warrant appointing them a Council of War.

May 3. 34. Captain John Pennington to Nicholas. Had released the Christian, but there was no one to pay for the sails and rigging which she owed ashore. Was preparing to come for Portsmouth. If the money arrived he should soon be there.

May 3. 35. Sir Thos. Southwell, Captain of the Trained Band within the hundred of Mutford, co. Norfolk, to the Council. Certificate of the present conformity of Gilbert Lewinge to the orders set down respecting Musters.

May 3. 36. Petition of Ralph Merrifield to the Council. Having set forth two ships under the command of Capts. Warner and Smith to the new plantation in the Caribbee Islands, on their passage to the Downs they made prize of a small vessel of Dunkirk, which being a good sailer they intended to take with them; but Sir Henry Palmer had taken the prize into his custody, and required Capt. Warner to clear her in the Admiralty; pray that she may go the voyage, and that Warner may answer for her on his return.

May 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Thomas Cary. That he presently repair to the Court, and in the meantime do not attempt anything that may hinder the same. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 4. 37. John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, and Capt. Edwd. Harvey to Buckingham. Recommend Thos. Skinner for appointment as Master Gunner in one of the new ships about to be built.

May 4. 38. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. Certify the discharge of the Francis Bonaventure as unfit for further employment.

May 4. 39. The same to the same. The six Newcastle ships appointed to convoy the fishermen to the northward stay only for their ordnance, which they request his Grace to give warrant to supply.

May 4. 40. Josh. Downing, John Reynolds, and Henry Jeff to Buckingham. Recommend James Allen for appointment as Gunner of the new ship to be built at Chatham by Phineas Pett.

May 4. 41. Sir Rowland St. John and Sir Lewis Watson to Wm. Earl of Exeter. Report the results of teaching the Trained Bands of Northampton by experienced soldiers, and send the names of 15 of the clergy who decline to contribute towards the charges thereof.

May 4. 42. Proceedings at a View of Frank Pledge with a Court Baron of Diana Dowager Countess of Oxford, held for the manor of Henningham, otherwise Hedingham Borough, co. Essex.

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May 4. 43. Similar proceedings at a View of Frank Pledge with a Court Baron of the Countess of Oxford, held for the manor of Heningham, otherwise Hedingham Upland, co. Essex.

[May 5.] 44. Horatio Lord Vere to Sec. Conway. Prays leave to be absent from Parliament on account of illness. Would have sent Lord Conway his proxy, but was ignorant of the form.

May 5. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Horatio Lord Vere. Signifying his Majesty's dispensation for his absence from the Parliament, and that he send his proxy. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 5. Bristol. 45. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. The Mary Fortune had brought in as prize a Brazilman, with about 300 chests of sugar. The owners intend to compound with the Duke for his tenths.

May 5. Whitehall. 46. Licence under the sign manual for the Grace, of Kirkcudbright, Sir Robert Gordon, Captain, to pass to the southward of the equinoctial line, with full benefit of the proclamation of 13th December, 1625.

May 5. 47. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Nicholas. Prays him to get the Hector and the Martha of London released, that he may presently fit them for their voyage. The season of the year passes fast away, and the Earl is "out much money."

May $\frac{5}{15}$. Antwerp. 48. —— [Name erased] to "Mr. Kendall." Glad of Mr. Stanseby's good fortune. Mr. Trumbull, Clerk of the Council, very desirous of obtaining many MSS. in the hands of the writer. Has procured a recipe for the projecting of salt, and desires to try it.

May 5. 49. Wm. Elworthy to Sec. Conway. Sends a statement of seditious words spoken by Wm. Wraxhall, prisoner in the King's Bench. *Incloses,*

49. I. *The statement above-mentioned.*

May 5. 50. The same to Mrs. Wade. He could not yet resolve her in the business he thought to write about.

May 6. 51. Capt. Jas. Duppa to Nicholas. Had pleaded his cause with the judge sufficiently, and now sent his answer to the Duke's letter. Begs Nicholas to procure him orders for pressing sailors, and for provision of ammunition.

May 6. 52. Commissioners for the Subsidy in co. Norfolk to the Council. Having been charged by the Council to make the assessments more proportionable to men's values, they set forth the reasons which have formerly moved a diminution in the subsidy for that county, and beg that they may yield the same amount that they did at the last assessment.

May 6. 53. Capt. Thos. Philpot to Nicholas. Thos. Gill being pressed to serve Master Gunner in the St. Anne, Nicholas is prayed to procure the Duke's warrant for his confirmation in that office. [*Underwritten is a certificate of the Master Gunner of England of Gill's competency.*]

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May 6. 54. Order of his Majesty on the petition of Roger Fawkenor, and a report of the Earl of Totness thereon, that the Lord Treasurer should give order that the officers and men employed in the Armoury in the Tower be duly satisfied with their wages, so long as they are employed in the repair of the defective armour.

May 6. 55. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend that the Lion should be discharged as unserviceable.

May $\frac{6}{16}$. Amsterdam. 56. Sackville Crow to Nicholas. Is sorry to hear that the Duke has been troubled with an ague. These times and his occasions require a strong body and a strong spirit. God give him both, with such a victory as may make the world see his injuries, and him know his enemies.

May $\frac{6}{16}$ Amsterdam. 57. The same to Sec. Conway. Has been still fed on with hopes of dealing for a reasonable sum, till now the report of the Duke's troubles, and the discontents of the King with his Lower House of Parliament, come over in such a full stream that it has carried away with it all hope of doing further good there. Amsterdam is full of faction and ill affection to his Majesty's service; and they desire to be first satisfied whether the King can make a good pawn of his jewels without his Parliament. No pains or diligence has been wanted at home or abroad to cross this business.

May 6. 58. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend the discharge of the Little Sapphire, one of Capt. Pennington's fleet at Plymouth. *Inclose,*

58. I. *Certificate from certain master shipwrights of the leaky and dangerous condition of the Little Sapphire.* 1626, *April* 18.

May $\frac{6}{16}$. 59. Account of monies negotiated and paid [by Burlamachi] on the Crown jewels and those of the Duke, with the appropriation thereof. Amount raised 39,400*l.*; paid 43,644*l.* 5*s.*

[May 6.] 60. Memoranda of Nicholas respecting the above account.

May 6. 61. Wm. Forster to Capt. Saunders. Account of the last supply of munition for Tilbury Fort, and of the ordnance and munition there remaining.

May 7. 62. Order of Council that the Lord High Admiral may press the Seahorse, Capt. James Duppa, for his Majesty's immediate service.

May 8. 63. Articles of impeachment presented by the Commons to the Lords against George Duke of Buckingham.

[May 8.] 64. Imperfect copy of the same.

[May 8.] Another copy. [*See Dom. Corr.*, 1623, *July* 19.]

May 8. 65. Speech of Sir Dudley Digges, as one of the managers of the impeachment of the Duke of Buckingham, on delivering the articles of the Duke's impeachment to a Committee of the House of Lords.

[May 8.] 66. Extract from the above speech of the part deemed offensive to his Majesty.

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[May 8.] 67. John Millington to Gilbert Millington. The Judges in the accusation against Digby, cannot find either felony or treason. Thursday next is the day given him to answer. The Lower House prefer their grievances against the Duke this day.

May 8. 68. Examination of Richard Madox, a capuchin friar arrested at Dover on his return out of France.

May 9. Chatham. 69. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends John Contrey for Boatswain for the Vanguard, subject to some queries with reference to this last voyage.

May 10. Stokes Bay. 70. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. Will make all the speed he can to transport the French, but their beer is yet to brew. Cannot but grieve to think of the troubles and vexations that attend his best friend, but doubts not to see him shine the more clear.

May 10. 71. Speech of Sir John Eliot, one of the managers of the impeachment of the Duke of Buckingham, on the delivery of the articles of the Duke's impeachment to a Committee of the House of Lords.

[May 10.] 72. Charges against the Duke of Buckingham. A paper stated to have been "found in Sir John Eliot's chamber."

May 10. Seething Lane. 73. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Desire him to admit John Richardson to be Boatswain of the Esperance.

May 10. 74. Petition of Alice Younge with her four children, and the owners of the Friendship, to Buckingham. Similar to that presented to the Council. [*See* 1626, *May* 3.]

May 10. 75. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend that the Vanguard should lie in Portsmouth harbour with a guard of 20 men, and be repaired.

May 10. Stokes Bay. 76. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. Had brought the Vanguard into harbour at Portsmouth, her ordnance being in good condition, and her stores beyond expectation entire. Rumours of civil disturbances in France. There are three Turkish men-of-war between the Lizard and Scilly.

May 11. Whitehall. 77. The Treasurer and other officers of the Household to the Justices of the Isle of Ely. Having investigated a difference lately fallen out between Sir Miles Sandys, Mr. Wigmore, and Sir Simon Steward, they report their proceedings therein, and refer the further examination thereof to the Justices.

May 11. 78. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The Duke having referred to them a claim of Capt. Archibald Douglas for compensation for ammunition put by him on board his ship, and used in his Majesty's service, they report that the business properly belongs to the officers of the Ordnance, who will pay him the value, or deliver to him similar goods out of the King's store.

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May 11. 79. List of ships employed in the Narrow Seas since his Majesty's return from Spain and the dissolution of the treaty by Act of Parliament, certified by Sir Allen Apsley.

[May 11.] 80. Speech of the Duke of Buckingham in the House of Lords in answer to the application of the House of Commons that he might be committed to custody. [*This is the original draft of the Duke's speech, in the handwriting of Bishop, afterwards Archbishop, Laud, and differs in many respects from the speech as entered on the Journals of the House of Lords, Vol.* III. *p.* 593. *In the same paper is the draft of another speech, also in the handwriting of Bishop Laud, and apparently intended to be addressed to the House of Commons, by the Duke of Buckingham. It has not been found that this latter speech was ever actually spoken. The references to Laud's Diary indorsed upon this MS. are in the handwriting of William Prynne.*]

May 11. 81. Sentence of Archbishop Abbot and others, Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in the matter between Wm. Fettiplace and Thos. Bide, rector of Crawley, co. Sussex, whereby the said Thos. Bide was declared unfit to execute the office of a priest, and was removed from his rectory.

May 12. 82. Examination of Captain Robert Adams concerning the value of certain junks taken from the Chinese in 1619 or 1620 by an English and Dutch fleet, of which he was Admiral, and afterwards, in 1621, by another fleet, of which he was Vice-Admiral. *Underwritten,*

82. I. *Examination of Jas. Martin, Richd. Stamper, and John Monday in relation to the same subject.*

May 12. 83. Copies of the preceding examinations.

May 12. 84. Petition of John Smith to Buckingham. That Capt. Charles Remy [Remes], of Bergen, a prisoner in Dover Castle, might not be discharged until Arthur Ashby, the petitioner's son-in-law, then a prisoner at Bergen, were released.

May 12. From his Majesty's Fort by Plymouth. 85. Sir Ferd. Gorges to Nicholas. Sends a letter in relation to the business of Capt. Heigham and Mr. Matthews, and urges him to hasten the Duke's decision. *Incloses,*

85. I. *Commissioners at Plymouth to Buckingham. Have examined the differences between Capt. Heigham and Mr. Matthews, and report in favor of the former.* 1626, *May* 12.

May 13. Hamburgh. 86. John Hide, Master of the Nonsuch, to Nicholas. On the 18th April their captain [Capt. Wilbraham] and seven others were lost by the upsetting of a shallop. At least twenty Hamburgh ships, laden with munition for Spain, had been lying in the river ready to sail, but being afraid of the English ships, they had shifted their cargoes into small vessels, pretending to go for ports in France; desires to know what course to take with them, and also solicits letters of credit to provide victuals for his ship.

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May 13. Hamburgh. 87. John Hide to the Commissioners of the Navy. Reporting the circumstances of the death of Capt. Wilbraham more minutely, and repeating the information respecting the ships laden for Spain.

May 13. Aboard the Merchant Bonaventure. 88. Capt. Richd. Paramour to Nicholas. Had transported the Count de St. Maurice and his train. By letter from the Lord High Admiral, he was to receive of the postmaster of Boulogne 12 butts, containing candlesticks of crystal. The postmaster craved payment of the carriage from Paris, which he would [not] pay until he heard from Nicholas again.

May 13. 89. [Sec. Conway] to John Tendring, Provost Marshal of Middlesex. Warrant authorising him to search for popish books, massing stuff, and reliques of popery in Newgate. [*Unsigned.*]

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May 15. Whitehall. 1. Order of Council authorising the Lord Admiral to take measures for the exchange of English and Spanish prisoners.

[May 15.] 2. Report of Bishop Harsnet, of Norwich, to the House of Lords, of the speech of Sir John Eliot made on summing up the impeachment of the Duke of Buckingham.

[May 15.] 3. Copy of the same.

May 15. Stokes Bay. 4. Sir Henry Palmer to Nicholas. Thanks for his news, than which nothing could be more welcome. Has not been ignorant how much envy has aimed at the Duke. Details particulars of his management to save the victuals of his ships and make haste for the Downs. The French General and all his gentlemen and retinue have been at his charge. Knows he has suffered because of his dependence on the Duke, and because he would not address himself for the service elsewhere. Begs renewal of victual before his supply be exhausted.

May 15. 5. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The ships appointed to convoy the cloth ships from Hull to Eastland are ready, but are stayed for want of two sakers apiece. The Duke is requested to give warrant for their supply. A warrant also is wanted for ordnance and ammunition for the St. James, appointed to convoy the Fox into Ireland.

[May 15.] 6. Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Gloucester to the Council, for permission for the Train Band of that city to erect a military yard for their exercising.

[May 15.] 7. Reasons submitted to the Council by Mr. Comptroller [Sir John Suckling], why the St. George's or Mayor's feast at Norwich should not be held this year, on account of the increase of the plague in that city.

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May 16. Plymouth. 8. Sir Ferd. Gorges to Sec. Conway. On receipt of the intelligence inclosed, he had ordered the troops near the coast to be ready on the first sound of drum. Had given like directions to the fleet in the harbour. *Incloses,*

8. I. *John Osgood, Mayor, and Hugh Mondy, to the Constables of St. Austell, and from them to the Constables of Foye. Had received a letter from the Mayor of Truro, and he from the Mayor of Penryn, advertising that there are 80 great ships between the Lizard and Looe, verily thought to be Spaniards.*

May 16. Stokes Bay. 9. Capt. Jas. Mervyn to Nicholas. Requests him to take order for the St. Claude to be graved there. They are within a day's business of being ready to waft the French for Dieppe.

May 16. Stokes Bay. 10. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. The French General assures him that the Vanguard and the rest of the English ships never performed any service against the Rochellers; but that at the principal encounter the Admiral of the French forsook the Vanguard and went aboard Mons. Hautayne, from whom the Rochellers received all their damage. The Gunner avows that in all the time of the employment he never used against the Rochellers more than six small pieces of his upper tier. The French Captains are ashore to hasten their men, whom, if the wind be fair, Sir Henry hopes to transport on the morrow.

May 16. 11. Order of a Special Court of the City of London, that the business of passing through Parliament a charter for incorporating the Thames fishermen should be prosecuted at the expense of the City.

May 17. 12. Petition of Susan Bugby to Buckingham, in behalf of her husband, Timothy Bugby, master of the Timothy of London, whom Capt. Andrew Pawlet desired to dismiss and to appoint John Richardson in his stead.

May 17. The Savoy. 13. Geo. Earl of Totness to the same. Has thought fit to return the inclosed letter to his Grace, being of a kind not warrantable, and therefore subject to ill construction, and prejudicial both to the Duke and the Earl. If Capt. Douglas importunes his Grace, he should be left to petition the Council; and if they grant their warrant, both the Duke and the Earl should be free from exception, whereof, as things stand, the Duke cannot be too cautious. *Incloses,*

13. I. *Duke of Buckingham to the Earl of Totness. Requesting him to satisfy Capt. Archibald Douglas for ammunition furnished by him for the Gift of God, which was shortly after pressed for the King's service.* 1626, *May* 15.

May 17. The Tower. 14. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends John Rutlege for appointment as Purser of the St. Mary.

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May 17. Barnstaple. 15. Edward Eastman, Mayor of Barnstaple, to the Council. Had delivered Capt. Lindsay to the messengers sent to bring him up to answer before the Council. Their favourable letter encouraged him to persevere in his efforts to serve his Majesty and the State.

May 18. Whitehall. 16. The Council to Buckingham. His Majesty having resolved to send Francis Vernon as his Agent into Barbary to treat for the release of English captives, the Duke is prayed to furnish him with two sufficient ships for his transport and return.

[May 18.] 17. A series of questions, entitled "Questions to be propounded to Sir John Eliot." They are endorsed "Lord Keeper's Questions." [*These questions are written upon a certificate of the burials and christenings within the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, from the 11th to the 18th May* 1626.]

May 18. 18. Examination of Sir John Eliot on the preceding questions, taken before Lord Chief Justice Crewe and Attorney General Heath.

May 19. Norwich. 19. Mayor and Burgesses of Norwich to Sir John Suckling and Sir Thos. Hyrne, Members of Parliament for that city. Having received a letter from the Council prohibiting them to hold their St. George's or Mayor's Feast, they state reasons why they should be allowed to hold the same.

May 19. 20. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. He sends a further examination of the Portuguese Captain. Thinks fit to advertise Nicholas that having on his order released two packs of gilt leather to accommodate D. Shiveries [Duke de Chevreuse?], on opening the same, letters and other things were found directed to the Jesuits' College at Antwerp. *Incloses,*

20. I. *Examination of Andreas Vincent as to the pillage of his ship, the St. Peter, by the sailors of the Mary Rose.*

May 19. Limehouse. 21. Capt. Wm. Cooke to Nicholas. Had received his packet, and would be careful for its safe and speedy delivery. Found in the William and Francis but fourteen days victuals, one tun of harbour beer, and only 30 men; but he would repair to the Commissioners. Had sent orders to Capt. Paramour, and would do so to Capt. Giles, and would not let slip any opportunity of sailing.

May 19. 22. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The William and Francis, appointed to go to Flushing or Brill and bring over Mr. Sackville Crow, was ready to sail, but could not do so for want of ammunition.

May 19. 23. Petition of Wm. Flemyng to Buckingham. Sets forth past services rendered to the late King; prays for the command of one of the King's best ships to scour the Narrow Seas.

[May 19.] 24. Extract from the answer of the Earl of Bristol to the articles of his impeachment, being a saving of all benefit of exception to the said articles, and a petition that his cause may not suffer for want of legal form in his defence.

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[May 20.] 25. Emendations and corrections suggested in the answer of the Duke of Buckingham to the articles of his impeachment. [*These are in the handwriting of Bishop Laud.*]

May 20. 26. Petition of John Symonds to the renowned Prince, the Duke of Buckingham. As a poor servant of his Grace, then under restraint, petitioner offers a scheme for supply of his Majesty's Treasury to the value of 2,000,000*l.*

May 20. 27. Memoranda of business to be submitted by the Duke of Buckingham to the Council. They relate to the appointment of a pinnace to lie off Jersey, and to the present state of the ships in service in the Narrow Seas. [*Orig. draft. It appears from the indorsement that these subjects were brought before the Council Board on the day following.*]

May 20. 28. Fair copy of the preceding.

May 20. 29. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends Jonas Best for Purser of the Phœnix.

May 20. 30. Petition of Mungo Scott to the King. Petitioner's bark, the St. Lewis, had been violently seized at sea by two ships, belonging to Capt. Warner, bound for the West Indies; petitioner had been released by Sir Hen. Palmer, but his vessel was still detained; prays that it may be restored to him, with compensation.

May 20. 31. Affidavit of John Wilkinson, servant to John Preston, of Furness, co. Lancaster. His master, being a recusant convict, had needful occasion to repair to London.

May 20. 32. Certificate of Sir Thos. Love, setting forth the services of Capt. Wilkinson.

May 20. 33. Petition of Daniel Hurry, of Harwich, to Buckingham. Prays for the institution of a searcher at Harwich, and his own appointment to that office.

May 20. 34. Further examination of Anthony Vandenhaudt, in which he details circumstances of his past life, especially in connection with Thos. Fairfax, son of Sir Thos. Fairfax, disliked by his father on account of his recusancy. He denies all acquaintance with the three other persons who came with him from Calais to Newcastle, bringing with them a parcel of Roman Catholic books. [*See* 1626, *April* 5 *and* 15.]

May 20. / May 30. Rome. 35. Pope Urban VIII. to the English Roman Catholics, comforting them in the persecution to which they were subjected, and urging upon them that they ought not in any case to be induced to take the English oath of allegiance. Lat. [*Copy.*]

[May 20.] Form of oath taken by English Roman Catholic priests before they are admitted to any ecclesiastical office. [*Written on the same sheet as the preceding.*]

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May 20. London. 36. Gabriel Browne to [a priest in Spain]. Comments on information that the Infanta had reached Barcelona, on her way to Genoa, to marry the son of the Emperor. Miserable case of the English Catholics, whose persecution is attributed to Buckingham's desire to plague "the Spanish humour." The Duke's unpopularity with the House of Commons, who the other day seemed to carry him on their shoulders in triumph. The whole island is so sharpened against him that even ridiculous toys inflame them with offence. The multitude were bitterly disgusted because, being sickly, he suffered himself to be carried in a covered chair upon his servants' shoulders from Whitehall to Denmark House; and the Commons House took it ill, because at a Committee he was a little more gaillard, trim and wantonly great, "after the French fubb and garb," than stands with the natural gravity of the noble English. Lord Bristol's accusation against the Duke, and the publication in English of the work of a kind of mad Scottish poet and physician, called George Eglesham, accusing the Duke of having poisoned the late King and various other persons. The writer deems the public discord the work of a Spanish faction. The King is a most sweet and gentle Prince, saving as he is misled by "that great man." The citizens, having regilded their Cross, certain zealous persons were stirred up by the sermons of a Calvinistical sot in Aldermanbury, to deface our Saviour's picture. A king-fisher caught in the House of Commons. [*Copy of a letter "intercepted at the ports."*]

[May 21.] Garlick Hithe. 37. Sec. Coke to Nicholas. Sets forth reasons why the Commissioners of the Navy did not act upon the Duke's warrant for payment of 3*l.* per day to Capt. Pennington, but requests Nicholas to obtain a new warrant for 30*s.* per day wages, and for the remainder as travelling charges.

May 21. 38. The Council to the Duke of Buckingham. Direct a general view and muster to be taken of the Trained Bands within the Cinque Ports.

May 21. 39. Reasons why ships should be stationed off the Isle of Wight for the protection of trade, as also of the inhabitants. Pirates make inroads into the island, and the roads are never free of one picaroon or other.

May 21. 40. John Reynolds to Nicholas. Certifies the sufficiency of Thos. Williams and Wm. Story to be Master Gunners of the Esperance and the St. George.

May 22. Dover. 41. Advice that the Spanish fleet is near putting to sea. Last week 150 pilots were sent for from Dunkirk. Preparations at that place, probably for an attempt upon Chatham.

May 22. 42. The Alderman and Assistants of Newark-upon-Trent to the King, praying for a new charter of incorporation, with an underwritten reference to the Attorney General. *Annexed,*

42. I. *Particular statement of certain further privileges which it is desired may be contained in the new charter. Under*

which is a report of Attorney General Heath in favour of granting a new charter, which should include all the new privileges solicited except the last. 1626, *May* 24. *And also a further reference to the Attorney General to prepare a Bill for the King's signature in conformity with his previous report.* 1626, *June* 3.

May 22. 43. Petition of Wm. Cradock, one of the preachers in his Majesty's late navy, to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham:—Upon the letter of his Highness [the Duke] to the University of Cambridge, and encouraged by the King's promise, he went as preacher to Sir Wm. St. Leger and his regiment, and since his return has attended at his great charge; he is now destitute, and prays the Duke to send a caveat to the Signet Office that no grant of a benefice may pass until he is provided for.

May 22. 44. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Advise that the St. Claude should be brought up to Greenhithe for repairs.

May 23. 45. John Reynolds [to Nicholas]. Recommends John Tucker for a Master Gunner.

May 23. St. John's, Oxford. 46. Thos. Turner to Bishop Laud of St. Davids. A copy of the consecration of the chapel should be sent. Reports the proceedings at a disputation between Mr. Davenport [Damport] and Mr. Palmer on the question, whether the regenerated could finally fall from grace. Taylor, of Reading, had read prayers in a surplice. Dr. Byrd is in a burning fever.

May 23. Whitehall. 47. The King to the Duke of Buckingham. Warrant to grant letters of marque, against ships of the King of Spain or the Archduchess, to Peter Salleneuve [Salneufue].

May 23. 48. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Suggest a variety of changes in naval arrangements, principally of one ship for another, and solicit warrants for ammunition for the Fox, and for ordnance for the Seven Stars.

May 23. 49. Wm. Ellis and five others, Captains of ships at Plymouth, to Buckingham. Have received his order, and also Capt. Pennington's, to bring the fleet to Portsmouth, which they will not fail to observe. The five ships that are to be left behind to bring provisions are to go to the Westward to clear the coast. Had received the inclosed command from the Council, which they did not think it convenient to obey without the Duke's warrant. Shall bring the ship alluded to to Portsmouth. *Inclose,*

49. I. *Copy of order of Council, for delivery of the St. Peter, of Hamburgh, to its owners.* 1626, *May* 3.

May 23. 50. Petition of John Denham to Buckingham. Denham's petition concerning the moiety of a ship having been referred to

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Sir Henry Marten, Denham prays that Sir Henry may be called upon to certify upon Denham's proofs, or to show cause why he refuses to determine the suit according to justice.

May 23. 51. Petition of Thos. Ashehurst to Buckingham:—Sets forth his services as a Purser in the navy for thirty-nine years, and his ultimate dismissal without cause; prays the Duke to reinstate him.

May 24. 52. The King to the Council. His Majesty had received with singular contentment the relation of the good effect of the Low Country officers distributed into the counties to instruct the Trained Bands; and he directed the Council to thank the Lord Lieuts. in his name for their care in that service, charging them also to give order for continual exercises on holydays, and to do all in their power to bring the country to affect the exercise of arms, and to make that the subject of their recreations. If they desired to keep these officers still with them, the King would be pleased at their doing so; and now that the foot were put in a hopeful way, no less care should be taken of the horse, which was specially to be urged upon the Lord Lieuts. as a notable expression of their duty, account being required of all defaulters. The counties were also to be invited to form a store of arms, which might serve to arm such as were not of the trained numbers in times of necessity.

May 24. 53. Copy of the above.

May 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To draw a bill for his Majesty's signature for Thomas Davies to be Barber in extraordinary. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 24. Tehidie. 54. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Near a month since, he wrote of a Sallee man-of-war, brought within his Vice Admiralty; another Sallee ship has been brought into St. Ives, by Wm. Harrys, of Looe, and other Englishmen, who, having been taken by the Turks and kept as slaves, revolted, slew those on deck, and kept 32 under hatches, until they brought them to St. Ives. He requests a Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the trial of these villains, and that as soon as possible, he being at near 10*s.* a-day expense upon them.

May 24. His Majesty's Fort by Plymouth. 55. Sir Ferd. Gorges to Sec. Coke. The Captains assigned to keep the coast after the departure of the fleet having complained of their great want of men, he had furnished them with 70 or 80 musketeers, which he desired to have confirmed by the Council. The mutinous clamours of the soldiers and murmuring of the country people had been set forth by letters of the Commissioners to the Council.

May 24. 56. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Having received a warrant appointing John Wilkinson to be Captain of the Amity, of Ipswich, they certify that that ship had been discharged as unfit for service. The Seaventure, William, and Abraham had been appointed for present service, and Mr. Wilkinson might proceed Captain in one of them.

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May 24. 57. Receipt of Capt. Edward Giles, of the Great Neptune, for ten barrels of powder, for the King's service.

May 24. 58. Estimate of the charge for setting forth the Globe and St. George to the coast of Barbary, with 200 men and provisions for six months; 3,117*l.* 13*s.*

May 24. 59. Commissioners of Seaford to Buckingham. Remind him of their care in keeping Robert Barry and John Bayes, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance. Being afraid they would escape, the writers now send them up to the Duke. [*It appears from the indorsement that the Duke commanded Nicholas to send them to Lord Conway, who commanded him to send them to the Lord Chief Justice.*]

[May 25.] 60. Lord Chief Justice Crewe to Sec. Conway. Robert Barry and John Bayes now offer to take the oath of allegiance. If sent to prison they must be kept at the King's charge. He desires instructions.

May 25. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. His Majesty has given him leave to come up to London. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 25. 61. Frances Lady Burgh to Sec. Conway. On the death of her husband she and six children were left without house or one penny to help them. Queen Elizabeth bestowed upon her a pension of 400*l.* per annum, which has now been detained, come midsummer, a whole year, to her utter ruin. She beseeches Lord Conway to procure her a warrant for her payment quarterly.

May 25. Stamford. 62. Thos. Hippisley to his brother Sir John Hippisley. Respecting a ring belonging to the Duchess [of Buckingham], which had got into the possession of Nicholas Heefield, of Stamford.

May 25. Wimbledon. 63. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to Buckingham. Capt. Mason, Commissary General in the Cadiz expedition, is recommended as well meriting the pay proper to his office, and worthy of a better reward.

May 25. London. 64. Sir Thos. Love to Nicholas. Sending him, for the Duke's signature, a warrant for payment of 10*l.* to Wm. Young.

May 25. 65. Petition of Capt. Thorneff Francke to the most excellent Prince, the Duke of Buckingham. Sets forth his past services and prays for the command of a ship.

May 25. 66. Edward Viscount Wimbledon, Sir Thos. Love, and Raleigh Gilbert to Buckingham. Certificate in favor of Capt. Uvedall, who desires some good command.

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May 25. 67. Wm. Gunter, John Wells, Jo. Westheale, Hugh Hyllyard [copied Lydyard] and Edward Stevens to [Sec. Coke]. In accordance with a warrant and instructions dated the 4th inst., they have considered the true way of measuring ships. State the way of measuring formerly in use, and, after defining what is properly to be regarded as the hold of a vessel, suggest the following rule:—"Take the depth of the ship, from the greatest breadth, to the ceiling; at half that depth, measure the breadth within boards; this mean breadth multiplied by the whole depth, and the product by the length of the keel, produceth a solid number, which, being divided by 65, shall give the content of the vessel in tons." [*Copy.*]

May 26. [Hamburgh.] 68. Capt. Wm. Driver to Commissioner Wm. Burrell. The Hamburghers had stayed their fleet intended for Spain, but design to send out three ships, bound, as they say, to Leghorn, and to forward the remainder of the goods in small craft to French ports. The English and Hollanders stay all ships; and, if they find any of these goods, intend to bring them home for further order. Begs, that if the service lasts through the summer, they may have a new supply of shipping. The men have served ten months without a penny, and are now out of all clothes.

May 26. 69. Note of extra men mustered on board certain King's ships at Chatham.

May 26. 70. Bishop Morton, of Coventry and Litchfield, to Sec. Conway. His Majesty having granted the vicarage of Nuneaton to Mr. Hawkshurst, son to his Majesty's grandfather's schoolmaster, a caveat had been entered on behalf of somebody else. The Bishop entreats Lord Conway to further the presentation to the poor prophet of God, who had spent many years in his function faithfully.

May 26. 71. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The Seaventure, William, and Abraham, three of the ships pressed for the convoy of the colliers, are ready, but for want of money the service cannot proceed. The Commissioners desire to know whether these ships should be continued in the service. If they are released, some allowance should be made to the owners for the time they have been stayed.

May 26. 72. Examination of John Hall and Thomas Askew respecting the seizure and subsequent discharge of nine junks belonging to the Goojerats.

May 26. Whitehall. Proclamation for Fee Deer, prohibiting all persons, except the two Justices of the Forests, and officers of the forests allowed by them, from sending warrants for fee deer to the royal forests. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 42.]

May 26. Pendennis. 73. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. On his return to the fort he finds the South bulwark fallen down. Many Turks lie off and on our coast, besides six Dunkirkers. Fears they may attempt Scilly, which would be a place of great advantage to them. Never a piece mounted in that fort, and a breach in one of the bulwarks. Continued malice of Sir John Killigrew, who desires to remove Bonython and get himself appointed.

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May 27. Powderham. 74. Sir Wm. Courtenay to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain and Lord Warden of the Stannaries. In pursuance of letters from the Council and his Lordship, he had given directions for a speedy muster of the Stannary Bands within the County of Devon; but he thought it his duty to certify that the sickness was at that time very rife in divers places, and calling the men together might hazard great infection.

May 27. 75. Capt. John Mason to Mr. Norton. Points out the course to be adopted in order to procure a new supply of provisions for their ship.

May 27. 76. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Glad to hear that the St. James is commanded away in great haste. The Phœnix is not fit to be continued abroad any longer; it is suggested that the St. James should be put in her place. Capt. Douglas states that there is much ill service done to the state in endeavouring to prevent the condemnation of the prizes; he knows them to be Dunkirkers, and if released they will be good men-of-war to our prejudice.

May 28. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a bill to join Lord Walden Lieutenant with the Earl of Suffolk, of the counties whereof the said Earl is Lieutenant. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 28. Aboard the Garland, Dover Road. 77. Sir Henry Palmer to Buckingham. Two ships are gone for Flushing. He is waiting for the Ambassadors. Begs for a change of ships, those with him being very foul.

May 28. Winchinden. 78. Sir Francis Goodwin to Sec. Conway. Some briefs have lately been dispersed in those parts by Lawrence Shelter and James Skelton, for the relief of Gregory Archdeacon of Jerusalem. These papers being suspected to be forgeries, he has detained the parties, and sends up the Privy Seal for examination.

May 28. Dover Castle. 79. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Solicits on behalf of the poor men of Dover, that their barks, that have been long laden with malt, may have leave to come to London. Wishes to know whether the Hamburgher shall be allowed to pass to Spain, or should not give security before he goes. Is making ready his ship for another bout. Wishes one Wade, who contemns the Duke's command and his officers, might be sent for as an example.

May 28. Dover Road. 80. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. The Garland grows very foul. If the Entrance be ready, wishes Nicholas to get her hastened to him. A fellow in Sandwich, lately come from London, has divulged a libel against my Lord; will learn his name, that he may receive punishment. Wishes to know how matters pass; and desires the St. Peter for Capt. Tench.

May 29. 81. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to the same. Expected to have heard from Mr. Burrell concerning the tartanes, but it seems there is some

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stop of that business. Reminds him of a warrant for eight pieces of ordnance. Would gladly have the ship go forth with all expedition. Has spent much time and all his means. His success will be for Nicholas's good as much as his own.

[May 29?] 82. Note of, or for, a warrant for the officers of Shoreham to permit Capt. Gyffard to put aboard his ship, the Peter, the ordnance above-mentioned.

May 30. 83. Lieut. John Talbot to Buckingham. Complains of being put aside after much service to make room for Sir George Blundell's son. [*Underwritten is a certificate of Viscount Wimbledon that the petitioner had had great wrong.*]

May 30. Rochester. 84. Mayor of Rochester to Sec. Conway. Relates in what manner Tobias, a Dutchman, was killed in that city by Henry Hers, another Dutchman.

May 31. 85. Estimate of wages and tonnage of the ships returned from the great fleet that came from Cadiz; those at Portsmouth being calculated to May 31, others to the time of their discharge from the service, and others to various days in advance. Totals: wages, 23,936*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*; tonnage 12,050*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

May 31. 86. Estimate for revictualling his Majesty's and other ships, part of the Cadiz fleet, to the last of May; 18,497*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

May 31. 87. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Chester to the Council. Philip Cotton and Arthur Humberstone, sent down to instruct the Trained Bands, had performed that service with great diligence.

May 31. 88. Purser's account of victuals received for his Majesty's ship Convertive, from Jan. 17 to May 31, 1626.

May 31. 89. Account of provisions remaining on board the Susan, of Aldborough, on February 25, 1626, and what have been received since.

May 31. 90. Petition of Bonham Norton to the Council. Complains of the surreptitious printing of grammars, accidences, and Lilly's Rules by Cantrell Legg, of Cambridge.

May 31. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Francis Goodwin. In answer to his letter concerning the patent of a begging Grecian. [*See* 1626, *May* 28. *Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 250.]

May 31. June 10. 91. Hugh Ross to Sir John Hippisley. Gives information to be transmitted to the Duke of Buckingham, concerning various ships engaged in traffic with Spain. The writer drinks to the Duke's health, and wishes all his enemies in Algiers to relieve 3,000 English who are there, and 1,500 English who are in Sallee in misery.

[May?] 92. Petition of John Johnes to the Council of War. On his return from Cadiz, where he was Lieutenant to Capt. Thos. Lyndsay, being in garrison at Barnstaple, he gave offence to the Mayor by certain unadvised speeches; having in consequence been dismissed by the Commissioners, he now prays for his re-establishment, the Mayor being willing to remit his offence.

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May. 93. Wm. Earl of Exeter [to the Council]. Recommends that Sir John Byron, Robt. Sutton, and Wm. Cooper should be added to the Commissioners of Musters for Nottinghamshire. [*Underwritten is the fiat of the Earl of Manchester, President of the Council, for complying with the Earl of Exeter's request.*]

May. 94. Minute of request of the Commissioners of Musters for co. Nottingham, that they should be authorized to levy from the county a contribution towards the support of the Captains and under-officers; and also that Sir John Byron and Sir Thos. Hutchinson might be appointed Commissioners.

May. 95. List of persons in co. Hereford, who claim to be exempt from finding or wearing arms.

May. 96. Information by Mr. Fetherston, of excuses and neglects in relation to the Musters for the Bishopric of Durham.

May. 97. Wm. Earl of Devonshire to the Council. Since the decease of the Earl's father, the Dep. Lieuts. of co. Derby have certified to him that the serjeants sent to exercise the Trained Bands continued in that employment, one 10 and the other 12 weeks, during which time they sufficiently instructed the Captains and under-officers in the exercising the companies for the future. The number of the Trained Bands is400.

May. 98. Petition of the Eastland merchants to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham. On their former petition, the Hector was assigned as a convoy to the cloth fleet, but she has since been appointed to some other service, and a weaker vessel appointed for their convoy. They urge the great value of the cloth ships, and pray that the former order may be adhered to.

[May?] 99. Speech, apparently designed to be addressed by the King to the House of Commons, urging upon them the necessity for a supply, setting forth his Majesty's patience, and complaining of the delay of the House. [*Original draft, in the handwriting of Bishop Laud. It does not appear to have been ever spoken.*]

May. 100. Thos. Meautys, Clerk of the Council, to Buckingham. Requests his mediation that Meautys's brother's life may be added to a grant in reversion made to Meautys himself of an office in the Star Chamber, and also that the present holder of the office may be allowed to surrender his interest on an arrangement with Meautys.

May. 101. Particulars of Sir Francis Smith's moiety of the rectory of the parsonage of South Croson, Leicester.

May. 102. Petition of Leonard Clark to the Council, praying letters to the Justices of co. Oxford, for payment of his pension of 52*s.* per annum for services in the wars of Queen Elizabeth.

[May?] 103. Petition of John Smith, Shoemaker to the late King, to the illustrious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham:—Mr. Edwd. Shelden, who is to go with his Grace, is indebted to the petitioner near 400*l.* "for ware;" prays that he may receive satisfaction before the going forth of Mr. Shelden.

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[May] 104. List of ships of the enemy proceeded against in the Court of Admiralty since May 1624.

[May.] 105. Notes by Nicholas of proofs in defence of the Duke of Buckingham against the charges in his impeachment respecting the St. Peter, of Calais, and the 10,000*l.* received by him from the East India Company.

[May.] 106. Similar notes with reference to the charge for not guarding the Narrow Seas.

[May.] 107. Similar notes of evidence, to be obtained from Sec. Coke, Lord Conway, and other named persons.

[May.] 108. Paper of suggestions by Nicholas, connected with the Duke of Buckingham's answer to his impeachment.

[May.] 109. Similar paper, containing points to be urged in the Duke's defence, with the names of persons who can prove the same.

[May.] 110. Account by Nicholas of his instructions and conduct when sent to Dieppe, concerning the ships lent to the French; apparently prepared with reference to the charge upon that subject in Buckingham's impeachment.

[May.] 111. Fair copy of the same, with an addition by Nicholas.

[May.] 112. Petition of William Harborne, Francis Lenthall, Thos. Lenthall, and ——— Hendricks, merchants, and Thos. Hackwell, mariner, owners of the Sea Horse, to the Council:—Assert that the Sea Horse had been impressed upon false allegations of Capt. Duppa, and pray that she may be restored to them immediately.

[May?] 113. Petition of Bernardino Benzi, and John Chizali detto Bonfadino, and others, merchants of Venice, to the Council:—Pray for permission to export part of the lading of the Faith, to Calais, and the remainder in some Hamburgh bottom to Spain or Portugal.

[May?] 114. Petition of Roger Widdrington to the Council:—Appeals to their recollection of his employment and behaviour under Queen Elizabeth and King James; and also to the defence he has made, by writing and otherwise, against the dangerous positions of the adversaries of his Majesty's government in causes temporal; asserts the hereditary malice of Thos. Ogle against the petitioner and his house, and prays that an order for his confinement to the town of Northampton may be countermanded, and that he may be either allowed to repair to his own home, or be confined to the city of London.

[May?] 115. Petition of the East India Company to the Council:—The Ambassadors having, by their own default, lost their passage in the ships lately departed, Nagdi Bey, the Persian Ambassador, has returned to London to wait for some other ship for Persia, but Sir Dodmore Cotton and Sir Robert Sherley have entered upon one of the Company's ships bound for Jacotta [Jaccatra,] and insist on being conveyed therein to Persia; pray that they may be landed at the place of the ship's destination, to be transported thence when occasion shall present itself.

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1626-1638. Volume containing minutes of proceedings at meetings of various Councils of War between the dates above indicated.

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June 1. 1. Estimate for sea wages and repairs of various ships, and rewards to Captains and Surgeons; 23,144*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

June 1. Limehouse. 2. Samuel Clarke to Capt. James Mervyn. Graving more proper to be performed in the Thames than elsewhere, there being no provision for it in any other part of the kingdom. Sir Hen. Palmer had no reason for displacing the writer; hopes to see him displaced, and Sir Henry Mervyn to succeed.

June 1. 3. Minutes of business to be brought before the Council by the Duke of Buckingham:—Preparation of fleet to be set forth for the southward; laying posts to Portsmouth, the fleet being there; press of 500 mariners; pay of the Captains of the King's ships to be increased to 10*s.* per day, those of merchant ships to 6*s.* 8*d.*

[June 1.] 4. Minute of the proper places for posts from Hartley Row to Portsmouth.

[June 2.] Speech, apparently suggested for delivery by the King to the House of Lords, in answer to their reiterated applications for the release of the Earl of Arundel. [*Original draft in the handwriting of Bishop Laud. This speech was probably not spoken, but a message containing part of its contents was sent to the House in lieu of it.* (*Journals of the Lords, Vol.* III., *p.* 653.) *See Vol.* xxvi., *No.* 80.]

June 2. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a Bill that the now Earl of Suffolk succeed his father in the Lieutenancy of the counties of Cambridge, Suffolk, and Dorset. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

June 2. Portsmouth. 5. Owen Jennings to Nicholas. The goods in the Peter, of Dunkirk, valued at 60*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* The bark had been delivered to Capt. Rich. Gyffard by the Duke's warrant.

June 2. 6. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend him to appoint Edw. Boate Master of Assistance at Chatham.

June 2. 7. Comments by the Masters of the Trinity House on the several ways of measuring ships proposed by Mr. Gunter, Mr. Wells and others. [*Unsigned.*]

[June 2.] 8. Minute as to the 41 Turks brought into St. Ives, and others into Padstow, to be mentioned to the Council for their directions.

June 2. Whitehall. 9. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Fras. Nethersole. Lord Suffolk died on Sunday in the morning, and on Monday the Bishop of London went [to Cambridge] to solicit [the Chancellorship] for the

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Duke. Proceedings in Parliament. [*In a postscript, dated June 3, it is added, that the Duke was chosen Chancellor of Cambridge, which was greatly disliked by the House of Commons.*]

June 2. 10. Messrs. Wells, Pett, Stevens, and Hyllyard to the Council. Reply to objections made to their mode of measuring ships.

June 3. Whitehall. 11. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of War at their meeting held this day.

[June 3.] 12. Notes, taken by Sir Thos. Barrington, of comments made in the House of Commons on Sir Dudley Carleton's being raised to the peerage shortly after his speech in the House of Commons, in which he had warned the House that if a supply were not granted, the King would be enforced to use "new counsels."

June 3. 13. Another report by Mr. Whitaker of what passed in the House of Commons on the same occasion.

June 3. 14. Petition of Captains of the late Cadiz fleet to Buckingham. Understanding that the pay allowed for the late expedition is not more than the ordinary payment for service in the Narrow Seas, they pray the Duke to be a means for its increase as in like voyages.

June 3. 15. Deposition of Matthias Leanaerts, Master of the Hope, of Flushing, as to the capture of his ship by Capt. Squibb [Swiep.]

June 4. London. 16. Answer of Sir James Bagg to a complaint of Capt. Richard Quaile, arising out of the surrender of Thomas Bowzer, a pirate, with his ship and company.

June 4. Bristol. 17. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. Sends account of the sugars brought into Bristol by the Mary Rose. The Lord Admiral's part had been delivered to Sir John Drake's deputy. Is glad to hear that the Duke will give a full answer to the objections of the Lower House. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Particular of the goods brought into Bristol by the Mary Rose, in a carvel called the St. Peter.*

17. II. *A note of the Lord Admiral's part.*

June 5. Whitehall. 18. Sec. Conway to James Earl of Carlisle. Giving opinion of the success of the Parliament. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

June 5. Whitehall. 19. The same to Thos. Earl of Arundel. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he come to the Parliament, but not to the Court. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 251.]

June 5. Blachington. 20. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Sends his servant for a commission for the Peter; the ship will be ready before Midsummer. Hopes she will bring them some spending money.

June 5. Aboard the Garland, in the Downs. 21. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. He had landed the Venetian Ambassador at Dieppe. The Holland ships before Dunkirk had been reinforced with 1,500 men, it being given out by those of the town that they will, in despite of them, come forth.

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June 5. 22. Note, by John Drake, of the Duke's tenths of the prize, called the Good Jesus, brought in by the Willing Mind, of Exmouth.

June 5. 23. Robert Earl of Warwick to Nicholas. Prays him to procure the Duke's warrant for ordnance for the bark Warwick.

June 6. Whitehall. 24. Order of the Council of War. That the Lord Treasurer should be prayed to furnish money for repairing and bringing various ships from Ireland, and one from Bristol; and that a fleet of 6 King's ships, and 24 merchant ships, should with all speed be prepared for sea.

June 6. Southampton. 25. John Ellzey to Nicholas. Reports that he had been unable to sell certain wool and other articles belonging to the Duke in his possession, the trade of clothing being so dead Prays for the Duke's success over his enemies.

June 6. 26. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Sends a note of the evidence of Capt. Douglas respecting the prizes. In most of the ships some of the owners are Flemings who now dwell at Calais, and the point is, whether their shares are prize or not

[June 6.] 27. Note, by Nicholas, on the employment by the King of the ships alluded to in the last entry against the Dunkirkers; paying tonnage after sentence.

June 6. 28. The King to the University of Cambridge. Intimates his high approval of their election of the Duke of Buckingham as their Chancellor. [*Copy.*]

[June 6.] Buckingham to the Vice Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge. Thanks them for electing him their Chancellor. [*Copy; see the preceding article.*]

June 6. Whitehall. 29. Minute of proceedings of the Council of War, on a communication from the King, of the great preparation of the Spaniards for the invasion of England or Ireland, with 200 ships and 40,000 men. The Council called before them certain of the most experienced Captains, and referred it to their consideration, whether it were more expedient that his Majesty's fleet should be detained in his own seas, or sent towards those of Spain; requiring the said Captains to bring their opinion in writing on the following Saturday.

June 6. 30. Petition of John Symonds to the gracious Prince, the Duke of Buckingham, soliciting attention to his former petition. [*See* 1626, *May* 20.]

June 6. 31. John Millington to his brother. Buckingham had been chosen President of the Council of War and Chancellor of Cambridge; the latter in consequence of the King's letters. The Lower House takes the election as a mere affront to them offered by the University. The Upper House had adjourned until such time as they have reasons why Arundel is detained from them. The House talk against Lord Carleton. Lord Digby's [Bristol's] answer is almost 100 sheets of paper.

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June 7. Redriff. 32. Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Suggests that ships should be sent to Calais Road, to intercept certain small vessels from the Elbe laden with provisions for Spain, which have been removed from thirty-six large ships and illusively consigned to Calais. A supply of captains and pilots sent from Dunkirk into Spain.

June 7. Plymouth. 33. Capt. Wm. Cary to Buckingham. Had been upon the coast as far as Scilly, and found no Dunkirkers, Turks, or pirates. Met with ten French ships, laden with corn from Waterford to Calais; suspecting these goods were intended for Dunkirk, he had brought the ships into Plymouth, and requested instructions. The Purveyor not being able to furnish provisions until money came, he should leave two ships to receive the provisions as soon as possible, and should himself go to Weymouth to take in provisions. Professions of unlimited loyalty and obedience to his Grace.

June 7. Doctors' Commons. 34. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. Decision of the Court [of Admiralty] concerning the wedges of silver at Portsmouth. Had procured a judgment against the Turkish ship for the Duke.

June 7. Bristol. 35. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. Recommends Charles Driver and Robert Hull, who desire letters of marque. Nicholas might get a good pennyworth from the Duke out of the sugars in the hands of Sir John Drake; offers his services for that purpose.

June 7. 36. Petition of James Harwin, factor for the owners of the St. Peter, of Hamburgh, to Buckingham. The Council ordered the ship to be restored to the owners [*see* 1626, *May* 3, *Vol.* xxvi. *No.* 26], but the King's officers refused to deliver her without the Duke's warrant, which was therefore prayed for.

June 7. 37. Minute of the preceding petition of James Harwin, and of the answer thereto, in the handwriting of Capt. John Mason.

June 7. 38. Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Recommends Stephen Danske to be Master Carpenter of the St. George in preference to Wm. Hall, a very insufficient man, who gave out that he had the Duke's warrant.

June 7. London. 39. Sir Thomas Love and four other Captains in the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend in what places ships should ply to intercept "the French King's ships and provisions coming out of the Low Countries," as stated in Nicholas's indorsement.

June 7. 40. List of "salpetremen," with their several counties, and the quantities delivered by them into store for one year ending May 31, 1626. [*Amongst them is John Milton, saltpetreman for York, Northumberland, and Durham.*]

June 8. 41. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Pray him to procure the Duke's warrant for Mr. Limbery for his present employment, and also for ordnance and ammunition for the Falcon, of Schiedam.

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June 8. 42. Sir George Blundell to Buckingham. Desires to have a Colonel's commission of a new regiment to be raised by taking one company from each regiment at Plymouth; offering in that case to forego his pay of 20*s.* a day as Quartermaster General.

June 8. 43. Project of Sir Geo. Blundell for raising money for his Majesty's service by a coinage of 100,000*l.* in farthings.

June 8. 44. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Solicit him to give order for ordnance for the Esperance, appointed one of the fleet for the southwards; and also that, out of the refused ordnance of the prizes, each of the discharged colliers may have four pieces lent to them, for their own defence; not having yet been paid freight for their last voyage, they have no money to buy.

June 8. 45. The same to the same. Recommend that the ships appointed to convoy the colliers, but which are lying idle in the river for want of money to set them forth, should be sent into the Narrow Seas, so that the ships now there might be withdrawn and undergo necessary repair.

June 8. Plympton. 46. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. The plague is so far spread that all commerce has ceased, the town is destitute of its best inhabitants, and the infection has spread into all the parishes where the soldiers are billeted. These parishes pray them to remove the soldiers, and parishes remote desire that they may not be commanded to receive men from infected places. The Commissioners entreat the Council to remove the soldiers from those parts; and urge upon them the consideration of the former complaints of the needy country, the naked soldier, and the hopeful officers. Want of money, being as bad as famine, joined with the plague, doth press all sorts of men amongst them, and what effects such desperate causes may produce, the Council may conjecture.

June 8. 47. Petition of William Ashwell to Buckingham. In December 1624, certain barrels of gunpowder and brimstone, worth 1,000*l.*, were returned by the petitioner from Hamburgh for the service of this state; these goods were taken by a man-of-war of Enckhuysen, in Holland, on the coast of Kent; prays redress.

June 8. 48. Answer and plea of George Duke of Buckingham, to the impeachment made against him before the House of Lords, by the Commons House of Parliament. [*Copy.*]

June 8. 49. Another copy of the same.

[June 9.] 50. Interrogatories for the examination of witnesses in the High Court of Parliament on behalf of the King against John Earl of Bristol.

June 9. 51. Examination of Endymion Porter, taken before the Committees of the Higher House of Parliament, in the case of the Attorney General against the Earl of Bristol.

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June 9. 52. Examination of Sir Dudley Digges, taken before the same Committees.

June 9. 53. Similar examination of Philip Burlamachi.

June 9. Estminster. 54. The King to Sir Heneage Finch, Speaker of the House of Commons. He was to inform the House that the King expected them to bring forth their Bill of Subsidy so that it might be passed by the end of the next week, or they would force him to take other resolutions. [*Copy.*]

June 9. 55. Another copy of the same.

June 9. 56. Another copy [without direction].

June 9. 57. Sir Thos. Love and five other Naval Captains to the Council of War. Give it as their opinion that the fleet, stated to be made ready, is not of sufficient strength for the occasion, but that it will be for his Majesty's service and for the honour of the nation to forestall the enemy by sending the fleet to the coast of Spain.

June 9. Harwich. 58. Captain George Alleyne to Nicholas. Sends articles charging misconduct on Crosier, Master of Captain Alleyne's ship the Adventure. Sails on the morrow for Elsinore.

June 9. 59. Instructions given by Captain Geo. Alleyne to the Commanders of the fleet of merchant ships bound for Elsinore.

June 9. Aboard the Garland in the Downs. 60. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. In obedience to the Duke's instructions he will instantly hasten away with the Salutation for the coast of France, to intercept ships bound for Dunkirk. They have only provisions for a week.

June 9. Downs. 61. The same to Nicholas. Desires further supplies. The Holland men-of-war in the road had intelligence of the ships alluded to in the preceding article fourteen days ago. They have 35 ships before Dunkirk.

June 9. 62. Petition of Captain Quaile to Buckingham; prays the Duke's order for fitting out the prize ship, the St. Mary, and he will bring as many adventurers as will victual her at their own charge; with underwritten reference of the petition to the Commissioners of the Navy.

June 9. 63. Buckingham to all Vice Admirals, &c. Pass for the Esperance, of Dantzic, Hans Skulte, Master, bound from Hamburgh for Cadiz, and thence to London.

June 9. Whitehall. 64. Order of the Council of War, approving instructions prepared by the Duke of Buckingham for the ships now riding in the Elbe. They are to stay all vessels laden with prohibited provisions bound for friendly ports, but suspected to be intended for the service of Spain.

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June 13. 77. Answer of Lord Conway to the articles preferred against him in Parliament by the Earl of Bristol. [*Draft.*]

[June 14.] Proclamation for establishing the peace and quiet of the Church of England. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 43. *Imperfect; the date supplied from a copy in the Privy Council Office. Rymer has printed the proclamation with the date of June* 16. *Fœdera* xviii., 720.]

[June 14.] 78. Draft of the same proclamation.

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June 14. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey. Signifying his restraint at Horseley, together with his lady, his son, and his son's lady, as they were before the Earl's leave to come to Parliament. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

June 14. 80. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Oxford to Wm. Viscount Wallingford. They had taken a Muster of the horse of the county, on the 7th inst.; not above half the number appeared. *Inclose,*

80. 1. *List of persons who made default.*

June 14. Dover. 81. Capt. Fras. Wylsford to Sir John Hippisley. Incloses a letter of Hugh Ross, on which he requests instructions. *Incloses,*

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June 14. 82. Oliver Viscount Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe. As Roe is now likely to stay some time at Constantinople, the Viscount will say anything he may wish for him to the King. The Parliament draws on to its critical hours. If humours continue still stiff, "I fear we will be dissolved, which honest men will be sorry for." The Duke has made fair and full answers to his impeachment. The subsidies not passed, and yet we hear daily alarms of the preparations of Spain; but that they shall find a people here that will give sound knocks, whether they have money or not, it were enough to make us afraid.

June 14. 83. The Deputy and others of the East India Company to the Council. They had laboured to reconcile the Persian Ambassador and the merchant, but in vain. The Ambassador was very inclinable to reason, but not so the merchant.

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June 13. 77. Answer of Lord Conway to the articles preferred against him in Parliament by the Earl of Bristol. [*Draft.*]

[June 14.] Proclamation for establishing the peace and quiet of the Church of England. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 43. *Imperfect; the date supplied from a copy in the Privy Council Office. Rymer has printed the proclamation with the date of June* 16. *Fœdera* xviii., 720.]

[June 14.] 78. Draft of the same proclamation.

[June 14.] 79. Copy of the same draft, corrected in several places by the King, and by him directed to be referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury and various Bishops.

June 14. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey. Signifying his restraint at Horseley, together with his lady, his son, and his son's lady, as they were before the Earl's leave to come to Parliament. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

June 14. 80. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Oxford to Wm. Viscount Wallingford. They had taken a Muster of the horse of the county, on the 7th inst.; not above half the number appeared. *Inclose,*

80. I. *List of persons who made default.*

June 14. Dover. 81. Capt. Fras. Wylsford to Sir John Hippisley. Incloses a letter of Hugh Ross, on which he requests instructions. *Incloses,*

81. I. *Hugh Ross to Capt. Wylsford. Had received a bond from —— Vanderburgh that Capt. Charles Remy should remain at Calais, until our* 45 *men were released from Dunkirk. Requests that Capt. Remy may be sent accordingly. Calais* 1626, *June* $\frac{13}{23}$.

June 14. 82. Oliver Viscount Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe. As Roe is now likely to stay some time at Constantinople, the Viscount will say anything he may wish for him to the King. The Parliament draws on to its critical hours. If humours continue still stiff, "I fear we will be dissolved, which honest men will be sorry for." The Duke has made fair and full answers to his impeachment. The subsidies not passed, and yet we hear daily alarms of the preparations of Spain; but that they shall find a people here that will give sound knocks, whether they have money or not, it were enough to make us afraid.

June 14. 83. The Deputy and others of the East India Company to the Council. They had laboured to reconcile the Persian Ambassador and the merchant, but in vain. The Ambassador was very inclinable to reason, but not so the merchant.

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June 14. 84. Sir Thomas Tyrringham and Sir Edwd. Tyrrell to Buckingham. Edward Hudson, who had been sent down to exercise the Trained Bands in Buckinghamshire, had by his extraordinary pains made them ready for present service.

June 14. 85. Names of ships of burthen fit for service now lying in the Thames.

June 14. 86. The House of Commons to the King. Declaration or remonstrance setting forth the circumstances which had prevented a right understanding between the King and that House. [*Copy.*]

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June 15. The House of Lords to the King. Petition expressing their sorrow at the King's intention to dissolve the Parliament, and offering their advice that he should continue the same. [*Copy. See Vol.* xxix., *No.* 86.]

June 15. 1. Another copy of the same.

June 15. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Oliver Lord St. John. That he send the copy he hath of the declaration made by the House of Commons, together with all parts or pieces of the same, sealed up, and give notice if he know of any other that hath the same. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

June 15. Whitehall. Similar letters to Mr. Wild, Mr. Bulstrode [Bushroode], Sir Walter Erle, and Mr. Ersfeild. [*Minute, ibid.*]

[June 15.] Westminster. 2. Proclamation suggested to be issued on the dissolution of the Parliament. In this proposed proclamation the Sheriffs were to be directed to assemble the freeholders, and take their votes on a proposal that the supply intended to be granted by the House of Commons should now be levied. [*Draft.*]

[June 15.] 3. Brief notes of proceedings of the House of Commons, from Feb. 10 till June 15, 1626, extracted from the Parliament book or journal.

June 15. Meene. 4. Sir John Savage to Sec. Conway. On behalf of certain poor men, borderers of the Ridge way, who had cast down certain mounds and fences belonging to Lord Conway. *Incloses,*

4. 1. *Thos. Huband and fourteen others to Sec. Conway. Petition for pardon of their rash attempt committed on the* 18*th April last, in Lord Conway's manor of Arrow.*

June 15. Whitehall. 5. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Coke. Recommend John Rockwell for appointment as commander of the ships stationed at Queenborough, for guarding the navy at Chatham. [*Underwritten is a note from Sir John Coke to Nicholas, requesting him to acquaint the Lord Admiral with this recommendation.*]

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June 15. 6. Petition of Nicholas Brand, master of the Hope [the Esperance], of Calais, to Buckingham:—Prays that his ship, which, having been captured by the King's fleet, was afterwards adjudged to be redelivered, may be restored accordingly. His owners object to its being employed in the King's service as was desired.

June 16. Nieuvelle. 7. —— Makeldony to Archibald Primrose. Minute intelligence respecting the reported designs of Spain to invade Ireland, and also to send a fleet round Scotland to Dunkirk, to obtain the command of the Narrow Seas. Dr. Talbot engaged in these matters.

June 16. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Allen Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower. That he admit two of the Earl of Bristol's servants to attend him, and keep them close, as he is [directed] by former warrant. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 251.]

[June 16.] 8. Petition of John Griffith to the King:—Presents a catalogue of offences, stated to have been proved against Bishop Baily of Bangor in the House of Commons, and prays for some present proceedings against the Bishop,

June 16. Aboard the Nonsuch in the Elbe. 9. John Hide to Nicholas. Reports the condition of the Nonsuch, and requests instructions whether he should stay the small vessels professedly bound for Leghorn or France, into which the large ships had shifted their cargoes intended for Spain. There were 21 sail of them. Sends a ship of Lubeck, laden with prohibited goods, and bound for St. Lucar.

June 16. 10. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Oxford to Wm. Viscount Wallingford. Have received his letters respecting the Musters, but have little hope of perfecting the same. Their care hitherto has been rather scorned than respected, especially by those charged with horse. Not having power to punish, their returning the names of defaulters will produce little amendment.

June 16. Westminster. Proclamation prohibiting the publication of the declaration or remonstrance, intended by the House of Commons to have been presented to his Majesty. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 44.]

June 16. 11. Sir Walter Erle to Sec. Conway. Sends the Secretary a copy of the declaration of the late House of Commons, transcribed partly at the expense of Mr. Ersfield, a member. *Incloses,*

11. 1. *The copy before-mentioned.*

June 16. Hull. 12. Capts. Wm. Harman and Henry Cheyney to Buckingham. Had received commission to lie off between Winterton and the Texel [Tassell] for 12 days, to meet with four ships coming from Spain for Dunkirk or Calais, and intended that day to sail accordingly.

[June 16?] 13. Note of agreement between James Duppa, Captain of the Charles, and John Hall, Captain of the Mary, bound to sea with letters of reprisal, to ensure a proper account in case of the death of Duppa, or of Duppa and Hall. The Duke of Buckingham was to send with them three other ships, which he had victualled at an expense of 3,000*l.*

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June 17. Whitehall. 14. Order of the Council of War, authorizing the Duke of Buckingham to direct the removal of prize goods from Portsmouth to Dover for sale.

June 17. 15. Petition of John Hulett, one of the Gentlemen of the King's Chapel, to the King:—Having presented a petition to the King for payment of 200*l.*, laid out in repairing the church of East Greenwich, the King referred the same, on June 25, 1625, to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of Winchester and Rochester; these Lords being sickly, the petitioner prays for a reference to the Council. [*Underwritten is a reference accordingly.*] *Annexed,*

15. I. *The former petition presented by the present petitioner to the King, with the reference thereon to the Archbishop and Bishops.*

June 17. 16. Petition of Attorney General Heath to the King:—Prays that his Majesty would grant him all his right to the estate of Sir Noel Caron, late Ambassador from Holland, who, being a denizen possessed of lands, died legally intestate. The petitioner had contracted with Sir Noel's next heir born in England for the purchase of her rights, and undertook to pay Sir Noel's debts, and to maintain an almshouse which he had founded [*Underwritten is a reference to the Sol. Gen. to prepare a bill accordingly.*]

June 17. Tehidie. 17. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Requests directions how to proceed with the Turkish prisoners in his custody. Had received a commission to try them, but also directions from various official persons not to put them to death. They are a great charge for their diet and a guard.

June 17. 18. Minutes of public business to be considered, principally relating to defence against threatened invasion; satisfaction of the people for the dissolution of the parliament; appointment of a general fast; foreign affairs; Ireland; Musters; maintenance of troops at Plymouth; and examination of projects for raising money.

June 17. Whitehall. 19. Order of the Council of War, authorising the Lord Admiral to grant letters of safe conduct to subjects of Princes in amity with his Majesty trading into Spain.

June 17. 20. Minutes, in the handwriting of Nicholas, of business to be moved in the Council of War [by the Duke of Buckingham].

June 17. Walmer Castle. 21. Captain Edmund Lisle to Nicholas. Requests that John Philpot may be sworn a Gunner in Walmer Castle, in the place of James Cook.

June 17. 22. Estimate for revictualling various ships for service in the Narrow Seas and on the coast of Ireland; 7,589*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*

June 17. 23. Thos. Wyan to Nicholas. Sends a form of the Duke's warrant for issuing commissions to take pirates.

June 17. 24. Purser's account of victuals received on board the Swiftsure at Falmouth and Plymouth.

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June 17. 25. Petition of John Duckett, Warwick Fownes, and others, to Buckingham, for permission to export to Calais certain lead which had been stayed in the port of London by order of the Duke. The Council had given similar permission for lead stayed by the Duke's order at Dover.

June 18. 26. Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Sir Henry Palmer desiring a further supply of shipping, Burrell sends an account of what ships are ready. Warrant wanted for ordnance to be taken out of the St. Anne.

June 18. Downs, aboard the Garland. 27. Sir Hen. Palmer to the Council. Sends letter from Virginia received from a ship of Rotterdam. Had been plying between the coasts to intercept the ships of Hamburgh bound for Spain, but could hear nothing of them.

June 18. Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding mariners who have received press money to run away, or desert, on pain of death. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 45.]

June 18. Whitehall. Proclamation for better ordering of those who repair to the Court for cure of the King's evil. By this proclamation the times of presenting such persons to the King are limited to Easter and Michaelmas. [*Coll. Procs. Car.* I., *No.* 46.]

June 19. Hinton. 28. John Poulett to Sec. Conway. Desires to know whether it is intended that Mons. de Soubise should remove nearer the Court. Particulars of his mode of life at Hinton. He had not received any money out of France, and hoped to be assisted by his Majesty.

June 19. Whitehall. 29. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Fras. Nethersole. Sends two recent proclamations. They were in great distraction. Speech that the Duke of Buckingham and the Earl of Bristol would be tried in the Star Chamber.

June 19. 30. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a bill for the King's signature, to give the Duke of Buckingham power to exercise martial law for the well government of mariners. [*Minute.*]

June 19. Another minute of the same. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252.]

June 19. Essex House. 31. Robert Earl of Essex to the Council. Had been much wronged, but on their intercession and in commiseration of Mr. Garnons's poor estate, he willingly accepted such payment as they had set down.

June 19. 32. Petition of Wm. Ryman to Buckingham:—Petition similar to that formerly presented, [*see Vol.* xxiii. *No.* 18], with an underwritten direction from the Duke to the Lord Treasurer, to cause a reward to be given out of the prize taken by Captain Geo. Ryman towards payment of his debts.

June 19. 33. Account of the money received by the Commissioners for prize goods; 2,198*l.* 7*s.*; and also account of the prize goods remaining in suit.

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June 19. 34. Petition of John Smith, Shoemaker to the late King, to the Council:—Having received a protection for 12 months, in regard that the late King was indebted to him between two and three thousand pounds, his creditors have notwithstanding sued out the statute of bankrupts against him; prays that they who thus molest him may be sent for, and a course be taken for staying their suits.

June 19. 35. Petition of the East India Company to Buckingham:—John Brookes, late master of the Moon, on his return from the Indies, in September last, most maliciously cast away the said ship on the rocks near Dover; the petitioners having questioned the said Brookes in the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, Sir George Newman declined to appoint a day for the trial during the sitting of Parliament; Parliament being now dissolved, petitioners pray the Duke to direct Sir George Newman to appoint a day for the trial, or permit them to proceed in the Court of Admiralty. [*Underwritten is the answer of the Duke* (1626, *June* 22,) *that he liked well that the petitioners should proceed in the Admiralty Court in London, so that it did not prejudice the Cinque Ports.*]

June 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he take care of Alexander Spicer, for the conferring upon him some ecclesiastical preferment. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252.]

June 20. 36. Bishop Neile, of Durham, to the Council. On the receipt of the examinations concerning popish books seized at Newcastle, Sir William Bellasys, High Sheriff of the co. of Durham, made search for the parties, and took examinations. The Bishop now reports that Sir Robert Hodgson [Hodshon] and the other suspected persons could not be found, and that Anthony Vandenhaudt had a guilty knowledge of the whole circumstances.

June 20. Whitehall. 37. Order of the Council of War, for the Duke of Buckingham to procure a general Muster throughout England of all mariners and seamen; also that he should make a general restraint of all ships of war preparing for sea; and that, if necessary on account of the appearance of the infection at Portsmouth, the fleet there should be removed to Stokes Bay.

June 20. London. 38. Wm. Payne to Sec. Conway. Sundry secrets of great importance having been revealed to him, he prays Lord Conway to patronise the same. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Note of his several inventions.*

38. II. *Petition to the King for liberty to make use of his inventions to procure abundance of fresh butter and cheese, and likewise oils for drapery and soap-boiling.*

June 20. Pembrokeshire. 39. Dep. Lieuts. of Pembrokeshire to the Council. Report that the Low Country soldiers sent to discipline their Trained Bands had diligently performed the service, and now desired leave to depart to their former charge.

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June 21. 40. Sir Thomas Love to ——. Gives information of embezzlements of naval stores by the Boatswain of the Anne Royal. *Annexed,*

40. I. *A paper containing further information on the same subject.*

June 21. 41. Petition of John Hill, Yeoman of the King's Chamber, to the Council:—Complains of great wrongs done to him by Wm. Huddleston, and Ferdinando his son, of Milham, co. Cumberland, in disturbing his possession of lands in that county; he states that various previous proceedings had been ineffectual, and prays that command may be given to Justices Harvey and Yelverton [Elverton] to call the parties before them at the Assizes.

June 22. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To draw a Commission for William Viscount Mansfield to be Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252.]

June 22. Aboard the Great Neptune, at Tilbury Hope. 42. Captain Edw. Giles to Buckingham. In obedience to orders he had gone to Holland for Mr. Crow, but found that he had left on the day before his arrival. On his return he met with Captain Powell and others, who had taken two Hollanders, and desired him to convoy them home; one had been driven by weather into Colchester, the other he had brought to Gravesend. *Incloses,*

42. I. *Captains Fr. Hooke, Lewis Powell, and Row. Browne to Buckingham. They had given chase to seven ships, and having taken the Admiral and another had sent them home as prizes by Captain Giles. Amongst their lading is great store of pictures.* 1626, *June* 15.

June 22. Aboard the Great Neptune. 43. The same to Sec. Coke. Letter similar to the preceding.

June 22. Dover. 44. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. Had been so infinitely haunted by the daily solicitations of his men that he was forced to petition the Duke on their behalf, and to entreat Nicholas's assistance. Libel against the Duke circulated at Sandwich. Sir Henry's wife was expecting her delivery; if it were a boy he should esteem it a great honour to his family if his Grace would bestow his name on it, as to which he craved Nicholas's advice.

June 22. Dover. 45. The same to Buckingham. Reports his proceedings, and the sad condition of his ship's company in consequence of want of clothes.

June 22. Order of a Special Court of the City of London, that the business of passing the charter of the Thames fishermen under the Great Seal should be prosecuted at the expense of the City. [*See Vol.* xxvii. *No.* 11.]

June 24. 46. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. To procure a warrant for ammunition for the Cock in lieu of the Falcon.

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June 25. Ash. 47. Ellen Lady Drake to Nicholas. Mr. Knolles, minister at Ash, having been entertained by the Duke as his chaplain, desires letters testimonial thereof. She solicits the Vice Admiral's place for her husband, and wishes to know if any custom be due to the King, out of the Duke's part of the prize at Bristol.

June 25. Aboard the Red Lion. 48. Rowland Walter, and four others, officers of the Red Lion, to Capt. John Pennington. Above 400 or 500 men had gone from the fleet that day, alleging that their wives and children were like to starve at home, and themselves to perish abroad for want of clothes and other necessaries. Their place of meeting was "Kingsonn." If some course be not taken to persuade them, the rest will follow their example.

June 26. 49. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Suggest that warrants should be given for purchase of 12 minions for three Newcastle ships, and for supply of proper ordnance and munition for the Triumph, Happy Entrance, Mary Rose, and various other ships.

June 26. Doddington. 50. Sir John Peyton to George Earl of Totness. States the facts in reference to charges brought against Sir Simon Steward, Dep. Lieut., co. Cambridge, for corruption in pressing and releasing soldiers sent out of the Isle of Ely.

June 26. Southampton. 51. Mayor of Southampton to Sir Benjn. Tichborne, Sir Richard Norton, and Sir Thos. Jervoise, Commissioners for soldiers billeted in that town. Incloses a letter to them from himself and the Aldermen of the town, and begs them to make their present repair thither to settle some course to avoid mutiny. Has paid out of his purse above 160*l.*, in hope of supply from the Lord Treasurer. Unless some course can be devised he must fly the town, for he cannot endure the continual vexation. *Incloses,*

51. I. *The letter before-mentioned, in which, for easing the inhabitants and relief of the soldiers, the Commissioners are entreated to come thither, and consult what course may be taken until money may be procured.*

June 26. 52. Minute by Sir Wm. Heydon, of a warrant desired for a supply of certain ordnance.

June 26. 53. The King to George Earl of Totness, Master of the Ordnance, Warrant for delivery of certain ordnance and ammunition to Sir Wm. Heydon, Lieut. of the Ordnance, to be employed in experiments with a view to the construction of explosive machines to be used under water.

June 26. 54. Minute of orders from the King to Lord Keeper Coventry and others, to consider certain excessive charges certified by the officers of the Green Cloth to have crept into the Household.

June 26. 55. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry and others. Apprising them of the preceding order.

June 26. Minute of the preceding letter. [*Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252]

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June 26. 56. Luke Smeaton to the King. Bond for 100*l.*, conditioned for his appearance before Lord Conway on a day's warning.

[June 27.] 57. Petition of Sir Walter Aston to Lord Keeper Coventry, for a "ne exeat regno" against Sir Richard Fleetwood, who had conveyed all his lands on the marriage of his son, and was about to go into Ireland with his family, to avoid payment of a debt of 500*l.* due to the petitioner.

June 27. The Tower. 58. Sir Allen Apsley to Sec. Conway. Andreas Linge, a Dane, died of the plague during Sir Allen's absence at Plymouth. Various enumerated persons claim his estate, of which 40*l.* has come to the hands of Sir Allen. By law his goods belong to the King, and to him as the King's Lieutenant. He would rather lose so much of his inheritance, than it should remain to his disgrace that he admitted such a privilege to be lost.

June 27. Aboard the Lion. 59. Officers of the Lion to Capt. John Pennington. Many of the men had returned, 119 are now wanting, the main cause was the want of pay, but secondary causes were the high price of their clothes, and the payment of the St. George's men in London. An example should be made of some of the ringleaders, and if money be paid, the men should be sent down there to receive it.

June 27. 60. Examinations concerning the ownership of the Fortune, a ship taken by the King's ketch.

[June 27?] 61. Petition of divers inhabitants of the Isle of Ely to the Council:—Sir Simon Steward has, in his Majesty's name, exacted 200*l.* from the poor inhabitants of the said isle, and converted the same to his own use, besides having pressed men for soldiers, and afterwards compelled them to pay money to be discharged; pray that a day may be appointed for him to answer, and that those who are necessary witnesses may be compelled by warrant to appear.

June [27]. 62. Form of letter from the Council to the Lord Lieutenants of the several counties, apprising them that it is the King's pleasure, that, if the persons employed to exercise the Trained Bands are willing to stay in England, their allowances from the several counties should be continued.

June 27. Whitehall. 63. The same to the Duke of Buckingham. Letter, in the above form, in relation to John Withers and Emanuel Healing, who had been employed in that service in the Cinque Ports.

June 28. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mr. Solicitor General Sheldon. To prepare a warrant for his Majesty's signature for payment of a pension of 150*l.* a-year to Francis Gordon, Agent with the King of Poland, in the place of Patrick Gordon. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252.]

June 28. 64. List by Sir Sackville Trevor, of able and experienced naval Captains.

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June 28. 65. Brief notes by Capt. [Sir Thos.] Love on the services of various naval officers.

June [28]. Whitehall. 66. The Council to the Duke of Buckingham. To give order to the Earl of Totness, Master of the Ordnance, to license Captain Hawkridge to buy ten cast iron minions at the usual market-place on Tower Hill, to put in his ship the Speedwell.

June 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir George Hay, Lord Chancellor of Scotland. Recommending one Mr. Cambell, who has discovered to his Majesty some things of importance concerning that kingdom, whereof he got knowledge in the Low Countries. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 252.]

June 29. Plympton. 67. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Had hoped ere this to have received redress, or at least comfortable answers. Had done their best to satisfy all, by their speeches, travail, purses, and hazard of their lives; further they cannot go, and this they are no longer able to continue, the plague being so far spread that they cannot meet in safety.

June 29. 68. Petition of Wm. Tanner, Constable of Colyton, co. Devon, to the Council:—Having opened the stable door of Robert Burgess, and pressed his horse for the King's service, Burgess had brought an action against him for trespass; prays for relief. [*Underwritten is a fiat of the Lord Keeper, directing that Burgess should be sent for, and his attorney be warned that the action should be stayed in the mean time.*]

[June 29.] 69. Petition of the same to the same:—That Robert Burgess may be ordered to pay the costs of the suit.

June 29. Whitehall. 70. Order of the King in Council, that all men should forbear for two years to move any suit for anything prohibited in the Book of Bounty published by the late King, or for anything which should import any diminution of the revenue, except only such suits as the Privy Council should think reasonable. [*Original draft altered by the Lord Keeper and others.*]

June 29. Whitehall. 71. Copy of the same, as finally passed by the Council.

[June 29.] 72. Minutes of suits to be brought before his Majesty. They principally relate to George Verney, Sir Miles Fleetwood, Mr. Dodd, one of the King's Chaplains, and Lord Cromwell.

June 29. Doctors' Commons. 73. Rich. Wyan to Nicholas. In reply to a petition from one Denham, claiming a ship brought into St. Ives by Capt. Skoomaker.

June 30. Whitehall. 74. Extract from the Council Book, that Dr. [Thos.] Ryves, the King's Advocate, had been sworn Master of Requests Extraordinary.

June 30. 75. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The continual clamour of poor men, and the want of means, distracted and discouraged them. The Esperance, St. George, Abraham, Sea-Venture, and

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William of Ipswich, only waited for provisions. Other ships should be appointed to replace the ships at present in the Narrow Seas. On inclosed reports of the state of the Great Sapphire, they recommend that she should be discharged. *Inclose,*

75. I. *Certificate of Joshua Downing and two others, of the defective condition of the Great Sapphire at Portsmouth.* 1626, *June* 16.

75. II. *Petition of the mariners of the Great Sapphire to the Commissioners for the Fleet at Portsmouth, that their ship may be repaired.*

June 30. Canterbury. 76. Sir Geo. Newman to Sir John Hippisley. The East India merchants having petitioned the Duke for the trial of Brookes, his Grace had refused to violate the liberties of the Cinque Ports by allowing Brookes to be tried in London Sir George is now ready to hold an Admiralty Court, and also one of Oyer and Terminer.

[June 30.] 77. Petition of Craigie Wallice to the Duke of Buckingham:—His grant of the "bailarie of Kyle" having been revoked in King James's time, and his compensation certified at 1,600*l.*, he prays for payment or the grant of a life interest in his bailarie.

June 30. 78. Petition of Anne Hanson to Buckingham, for discharge of her apprentice, Daniel Cooke, who had served in the Cadiz expedition as a barber and surgeon's mate.

[June ?] Bishop Laud, of St. David's, to Buckingham. Letter or oral explanation detailing circumstances which passed on an application by the Duke to the Bishop, for advice respecting the propriety of making use of proffered means, presumed to be connected with sorcery, for the cure of the Duke's brother, Lord Purbeck. [*Original draft in the handwriting of Bishop Laud. The circumstance alluded to took place in* 1623. (*Laud's Diary, p.* 13; *ed.* 1695). *See Vol.* xxvi., *No.* 80.]

[June.] 79. Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Barnstaple to the Council:—The town being in special danger of attack from Spain, they pray for authority to make certain arrangements for their own defence independent of the ordinary Trained Band. [*Copy. Underwritten is a recommendation of the petition by Francis Lord Russell.*]

[June.] Grant of Incorporation to the town of Newark-on-Trent. [*Docquet. See* 1626, *May* 22.]

June.] 80. Minute of suggestion of Sir James Scott, Sergeant Major to Col. Bruce, for an order to be issued by the Lords of the Council for the apprehension of soldiers that have run from their colours.

June. 81. List of ports charged with furnishing ships.

[June.] 82. Certificate that John Yoe was pressed to serve in the Martha, of London.

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[June.] 83. Petition of Geo. Coxe and Geo. Ravenscroft, Chamber-keepers to the Council of War:—Pray that they may have their former allowance.

June? 84. Petition of Masters and Owners of ships lately employed in the King's service to the Council:—The ships of the petitioners having been in the King's service from March twelvemonth, and some of them being now taken up again, although most of them are unmeasured, and all unpaid for their former services; pray that those ships remaining unmeasured may be measured, and that they may be paid what is due.

June 85. Thos. Prise to the Council. Had delivered nineteen Privy Seals for loans addressed to persons in co. of Brecon. Had received 105*l.* from seven persons. The rest had made excuses which he details.

[June.] 86. Petition of Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour to the King:—Having petitioned for licence to buy the remainder part of his lands out of the Crown, with a view to pay debts and portion younger children, he had learnt that "some adversary," whom he suspected to be the Earl of Worcester, had informed the King that such permission would be an act of injustice to Lord Arundel's eldest son; prays for a reference to persons who would advise the King what is lawful and just.

[June.] 87. Copy of the same.

[June.] 88. Mr. Trumbull's minutes of public business to be transacted by the Council of War, with the marginal apostyles of the Earl of Manchester, Lord President.

[June.] 89. Petition of Capt. Quaile and other Adventurers to the Council:—Pray that the prize ship the St. Mary may be delivered to Capt. Quaile with letters of marque, his Majesty adventuring the ordnance, for which he will be entitled to the third of all prizes taken, and the Adventurers will give security for its return.

[June?] 90. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Lyme Regis to the Council:—Setting forth the inability of their town to furnish a ship of 200 tons as required by the Council's letter. The town contains only thirty-two subsidy men. The expenditure now demanded would amount to 800*l.* from a place which could only contribute 80*l.* to the Royal loan.

[June?] 91. Extracts from interrogatories prepared to be administered to witnesses on behalf of the Duke of Buckingham, in answer to the impeachment of the House of Commons. These extracts contain the interrogatories which were to have been administered to Nicholas.

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[June?] 92. Petition of Philip Green to the Council:—Petitioner has been for ten years a provider of French wines for the late and present King and Queen, and after their Majesties are served, for the nobility; having at present part of a ship-load on hand, he prays that he may be allowed to vend the same at his private abode by bottle.

[June?] 93. Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the King. Certificate on a reference of a petition of merchants trading in hops, for the redelivery of their bonds for the payment of the imposition of 10s. per hundred on hops imported. There is the same reason for granting the prayer of these petitioners, as existed for granting that of Derrick Host presented in the reign of the late King.

[June?] 94. Petition of John Casswell to the Council:—After sixteen years service in Italy, Germany, Hungary, and Bohemia, also as Lieutenant under Count Mansfeldt, and as Quartermaster in the Cadiz expedition in the regiment of Col. Bruce, petitioner was appointed Captain in place of Capt. Eates reported dead in Ireland; on the 18th May Capt. Eates reappeared, whereupon petitioner was put out again without recompense for his two years employment; prays for command of one of the ships lately pressed for service.

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July 1. Westminster. Grant to Sir Robert Heath, termed Solicitor General, of the personal estate of Sir Thos. Watson, deceased, late one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, and Receiver of the First Fruits, seized into the hands of the late King, for a debt of 1,387*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*, which debt Sir Robt. Heath had paid. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 1.]

July 1. 1. Attorney General Heath and Sir Peter Osborne to the Lords of the Council. Report on the merit of an appeal from Guernsey in a case of Gardner's widow versus Blanch.

July 1. York House. 2. Commissioners of the Duke of Buckingham's estate to Nicholas. Advice respecting the best way to bring Sir John Eliot to account for the profits of his Vice Admiralty, also as to the removal of Sir Francis Howard from the Vice Admiralty of Kent, and how to obtain accounts and inventories from Huggessen and Sir John Hippisley.

July 1. Whitehall. 3. Order of Council that the Lord Admiral should cause goods unladen from the Scottish ship seized under colour of letters of marque granted to Samuel Pauson and others, to be sent back from Portsmouth to Dover, and there to be sold as prize goods.

July 1. Bristol. 4. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. The Charles, of Bristol, Capt. Prynne, has sent home a Hamburgher as prize. Mr. John Drake says, the Adventurers will not buy the Duke's tenths of the sugar ship, unless they may have them 200*l.* under value.

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July 1. Whitehall. 5. The Council to Buckingham. Authorising him to impress from time to time within the Cinque Ports, such number of seamen as shall be found necessary for the service of the fleet and the Narrow Seas.

July 1. Hamburgh. 6. Capt. T. Ledyard, of the Charles, to the same. Reports his outward voyage to the Elbe, and the state of things there. Unpopularity of the English in Hamburgh; they cannot walk the streets; some were assaulted, stabbed, and abused. Requests instructions whether they are to stay ships for Rouen or Dieppe.

July 1. 7. Petition of Henry Stanford to the same:—Prays pardon for his son John Stanford, accused of having killed a man. Petitioner is the Duke's countryman, and has ever been bound to the honour of his mother.

July 2. Westminster. Warrant to pay, out of the Queen's portion-money, to Thos. Earl of Berkshire, 5,000*l.* part of 20,000*l.*, the King's gift for long services rendered to him whilst Prince. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 2.]

July 2. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that Edward Clarke enjoy his pension of 500*l.* a year, as Groom of the Bedchamber to his late Majesty. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 2. Whitehall. 8. Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer, and Sir John Suckling, Comptroller, of the Household, to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Since April 1, 1625, 5,071*l.* 17*s.* has been expended for the diet and expenses of the Duke de Chevreuse, the Marquis d'Effiat, and M. Villeauxclercs, French Ambassadors Extraordinary, in addition to 4,000*l.* already received.

July 3. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to John Lord Mordaunt, Commanding him to accept no challenge from Sir Edward Stradling. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 3. Deal Castle. 9. Wm. Byng, Captain of Deal Castle, to Nicholas. Details the circumstances under which he had fired at a Dutch ship for not pulling down her flag whilst lying in the road.

July 3. Plymouth. 10. Captains James Duppa and John Hall to the same. They left Dover on the 16th June, and on the 26th they captured and brought into Falmouth a Dutch pirate, consort of a Turk that lies off the Lizard. The captured ship is a good sailer, and they purpose to take her with them. Her contents will be accounted for to the Duke.

July 3. Chatham, New Dock. 11. Capt. Joshua Downing to the same. Incloses petition of officers employed for the works at Chatham to the Duke of Buckingham, to appoint Richard Wye, assistant to Pawson, the Surgeon at Chatham, in lieu of John Norton, deceased. *Incloses,*

11. 1. *The petition above-mentioned.*

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July 3. 12. Capt. Francis Wylsford to Nicholas. Had discharged the two ships brought in by Sir Hen. Palmer, on the certificate of Sir George Newman that he saw no cause to stay them. Mr. Ross went over to Calais on Friday with Remy and his company, to be delivered at Calais to Vandenburgh.

[July 4?] Grant and confirmation to the town of Liverpool of all their ancient privileges, with addition of the power of taking acknowledgements of statutes-merchant. [*Docquet.*]

July 4. Westminster. Grant to Henry Hastings to keep a weekly market and two annual fairs at Puddletown, co. Dorset. [*Coll. Sign. Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 3.]

July 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To draw a protection for the Earl of Ormond for six months. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 4. 13. Petition of Ambrose Lawrence to the King:—Having petitioned the Council for recovery of the personal estates of Andrew Linge, deceased, his petition was referred to the Attorney General, who reported that the said estate belonged to the administrator of the deceased, subject to the claim of the Lieutenant of the Tower to a forfeiture, the petitioner prays that the estate may be given up to the administrator accordingly. *Annexed,*

13. I. *Ambrose Lawrence to the Council. The petition beforementioned.*

13. II. *Report of Attorney General Heath.*

July 4. The Savoy. 14. George Earl of Totness to Sir Wm. Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance. Sends a warrant for lodgings and workshops to be provided in the "Minorites" for Cornelius Drebble and Arnold Rotispen, who are to apply their skill for his Majesty's service. *Incloses,*

14. I. *The King to the Earl of Totness. Warrant abovementioned.* [*Undated.*]

July 4. Dover. 15. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. The extremity of the two ships with him is such that, if there be not present order for supply, he must dispose of them, and desires to know how.

July 5. Botolph Lane, near Billingsgate. 16. Capt. Richard Gyffard to the same. If Nicholas will send his commission, he will go to Portsmouth to see the condition of his ship. Laments over his long attendance on the Duke, and the expense in which it has involved him. Cannot provide himself for the service with less than 200*l.*

July 5. 17. Thos. Squibb, late Captain of the Lion, of Newcastle, to the Council of War:—Prays for inquiry into the circumstances under

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which, in the late Cadiz expedition, Capt. Osborne refused to fight with three Spanish ships. *Annexed,*

17. I. *Capt. Thos. Squibb to Buckingham. Declaration of Capt. Squibb's difference with Capt. Osborne respecting the three Spanish ships.* [*Copy.*]

17. II. *Relation respecting the three Spanish ships, delivered by Capt. Squibb to the Lord Marshal, at sea.*

July 5. 18. Sec. Coke to Archbishop Abbot and the rest of the Bishops. Letter, described in the handwriting of Bishop Laud as "Mr. Sec. Coke's instructions from his Majesty to the Bishops met at Lambeth, about a Book of Prayers for the Fast which was to follow." [*Copy.*]

July 6. 19. Sir Wm. Heydon to Nicholas. In support of an application of Nicholas Ansty, Gunner of the Vanguard, that Wm. Betts may serve in his stead in the present expedition.

July 6. 20. Capt. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Philip Spicer and John Johnson, to be Boatswains of the new ships.

[July 6?] 21. [Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy?]. Order having been given for bringing home ships from Ireland, and taking round the St. Andrew from Bristol to Plymouth, the Commissioners are directed to supply a month's provisions for that purpose. The Duke is informed that the enemy is coming with sloops and small vessels armed with musketeers, into the Thames, as high as Queenborough; the Commissioners are therefore to consider of a good guard of ships to defend the river, and various suggestions are made on that subject. [*Draft.*]

July 6. Plymouth. 22. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. By order of the Commissioners, the companies under Sir Thos. Thornex and Capt. Preston had departed out of the town, by reason of the sickness, and with them about 200 families of the inhabitants Particulars of great preparations on the coast of Spain designed for England, and, as report goes, for that place. There were not left in the town either magistrate (two only excepted) or common man of the better sort, or constable to aid in governing the visited people.

July 6. 23. Henry Earl of Kent and Thomas Earl of Cleveland, Lord Lieutenants, co. Bedford, to the Council. Considering the smallness of the county, and the present extraordinary expenses of military provisions, they conceive the county will be unwilling to entertain any longer the officers sent down to instruct the Trained Bands. The charge, amounting to 60*l.* per annum, will appear a great matter in the treasury of so small a county.

July 7. Westminster. Grant to Robert Lesley [Lasliegh], one of the King's Pages of the Field, of a fee of 100*l.* per annum during pleasure, with an annual allowance of 20*l.* for the purchase of horses. "Done by order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham." [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 4.]

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July 7. Westminster. Grant to Sir Wm. Whitmore and George Whitmore of the manor of Bridgewater Castle cum Heygrove, with lands in Heygrove, in co. Somerset, and other lands in Wendover, co. Bucks. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 5.]

July 7. Whitehall. 24. The Council to Buckingham. In consideration of the great power and preparations of the enemy, the Duke is requested to cause an exact survey to be forthwith taken of the number, strength, and burthen of all ships belonging to the port-towns of England, and certificates thereof to be returned to the Council.

July 7. The Tower. 25. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. In favour of Thomas Teames to be Purser of the Reformation in place of one Norton, "a mathematician and engineer."

July 7. 26. Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Thos. Love to Buckingham. Fifteen shillings per day is a fit allowance for the Commissary General of the Victuals of a sea army transported over seas by a fleet.

July 7. Barnstaple. 27. Officers of the Customs at Barnstaple to the Council. Report their proceedings in searching a ship laden with lemons and oranges [the Fortune, of Hamburgh], brought into Barnstaple by Robert Daniel. *Inclose,*

27. I. *Note of goods found aboard the ship above mentioned.*

[July 7.] 28. Petition of Robert Daniel, of Swansea, to the same. Petitioner with his friends had seized for the King's use a ship of 150 tons riding at the Mumbles, and had brought her into Barnstaple. She is laden with oranges and lemons; and the officers and crew are variable in their relation as to the place to which she belongs, some affirming Rotterdam and others Hamburgh. Prays directions.

July 7. 29. Circuits of the Justices of Assize.

July 7. 30. The King to the Justices of the Peace in the several counties throughout England. The House of Commons in the late Parliament unanimously agreed to grant a supply of four subsidies and three fifteens, and the same would have been granted accordingly but for the disordered passion of some members, who would not "intend" that which concerned the public defence, whereupon, after admonition, the King dissolved the Parliament. The necessity for a supply still continuing, the King desires his loving subjects to be a law unto themselves, and to grant that which, if it had passed as was intended, they would have been compellable unto. The Justices are therefore to call the people together and exhort them in the way prescribed in certain instructions subjoined, to grant a supply answerable to the present necessity. [*Copy.*]

July 7. 31. Copy of the instructions subjoined to the previous letter, extracted from the letter addressed to the Justices of Middlesex, with a statement of the causes of the present necessity.

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July 8. Westminster. The King to Sir George Hastings and Thos. Gerard. Lease of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and other lands of Henry then Earl of Huntingdon, all situate in co. Leicester, extended for debts due to the Crown by the late Earl. The present lease is to endure during the continuance of the extent. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 6.]

July 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Bishop Dove, of Peterborough. In behalf of Mr. Stephens, a minister. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 8. Brussels. 32. —— Makeldony to Archibald Primrose. Is employed to ascertain what the King will give to a gentleman who will discover the conspiracy against the King and State explained in the annexed note. Suggests that Archibald Colvill should be sent to Brussels, to whom the discovery would be fully made. Mr. Colvill may come safely, as his father is there. News at Brussels. *Attached,*

32. 1. *Note explaining the conspiracy alluded to. On the* 28*th June there came to Brussels a gentleman sent by certain noblemen to know what assistance could be given to a Roman Catholic rising in Scotland. The writer states that the gentleman alluded to may be apprehended with all his papers. He also suggests that some one should be sent to arrange terms.*

July 8. Strathleigh, near Plympton. 33. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Doubt the Council contemn their complaints in regard of the fewness of the Commissioners, which results from the neglect of some, whose fear of the plague exceeds their care of their duties. The officer is so discontented, the soldier so desperate, the clothier and billeter so impoverished, that the Commissioners suspect by their next the Council will hear of all to be in an uproar.

July 8. 34. Directions for Musters, both of horse and foot soldiers. [*Original draft in the handwriting of a clerk of Sec. Conway, with marginal notes of corrections by (perhaps) the Council of War.*]

July 8. Arwenack. 35. Sir John Killigrew to Nicholas. Remitting a letter from Capt. James Duppa, with great commendation of his services. *Incloses,*

35. 1. *Capt. James Duppa to Nicholas. Falmouth is in great want of King's ships. Turkish men-of-war daily visit the ports on both sides the Mounts, so that no fishermen dare go forth. A ship should be stationed at the Start, another on the Lizard, and three off Cape Clear.* 1626, *July* 6.

July 8. 36. Grants and warrants stayed at the Signet by Sec. Conway. They include grants to Richd. Bulkeley, of Cliviocke and Llanlibeo, co. Anglesea, and to Peter Newton, of Molewicke Park, co. Denbigh; warrants for five dishes at a meal and bouge of Court to certain of the King's physicians, and to Edw. Baseley for 911*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*, half an amount due to the King's saddlers; grants of

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120*l.* per ann. to Robert Lesley [Lasleigh] and Robert Daliell, Pages of the Field; licence to John Williams and Thos. Dixon to purchase a piece of ground in Lincoln's Inn Fields to build an amphitheatre wherein to exercise martial discipline; lease of lands of the Earl of Huntingdon, extended for payment of 4,537*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*; warrant for allowance of cloth to James Sleighton and George Storie, his Majesty's servants; and grant to Alphonso Ferrabosco of the place of Composer of Music to the King, with the fee of 40*l.* per ann. from the death of John Caprario.

July 8. 37. John Reynolds, Master Gunner, to the Commissioners of the Navy. Reports an experiment upon a frame of oak plank, professed by Wm. Beales to have been rendered incombustible. On the application of a fire ball, it melted off the mixture applied by Beales, and burnt into the planks.

July 8. The Great Almonry in Westminster. 38. [Serjeant John Frend] to Sec. Conway. Describes the terror of the inhabitants of certain parts of Essex, on withdrawal of the Trained Bands, for defence of Harwich, and the facility with which an invader might effect a landing. *Incloses,*

38. I. *Propositions for defence of the coast, on withdrawal of the Trained Bands, by a general Muster of the inhabitants.*

July 9. Whitehall. 39. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. Letters directed to the Justices for levying the supply voted in Parliament. A loan of 100,000*l.* refused by the City; but the aldermen lent 20,000*l.*, on security of the Farmers. By August 1, 30 ships are to be ready at Portsmouth, for Spain. It is thought the Duke will go himself. The port towns commanded to furnish ships. A codfish taken at Lynn, in the belly whereof was found a copy of the "Preparatio ad Crucem," written temp. Henry VIII. Earl of Bridgewater sworn a Councillor. Lord Carleton going to France.

July 9. 40. Note of the powder remaining in store in the several halls of the city of London; 22,667lbs.

July 10. Westminster. Charter incorporating the town of Leeds, co. York. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 7.]

July 10. The Tower. 41. Sir Allen Apsley [to Nicholas]. Recommends Miles Troughton for temporary employment, as Purser of the Happy Entrance.

July 10. Whitehall. 42. The Council to the Lord Mayor of London. His Majesty's enemies having some designs upon this kingdom, the Lord Mayor is directed to inspect the arms of the Trained Bands, to see that the soldiers are perfectly instructed, to draw all the forces of the city into one body, and so to train and exercise them; with many other directions for providing things necessary for any sudden emergency. [*Copy.*]

July 10. 43. Petition of John Hardy to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham. The petitioner and Mr. Duffield have for three years attended the Duke in hope to be employed in

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the project of erecting a light upon the Goodwin Sands. Prays that, if the Duke purposes to go forward with the said project, he will, in the mean time, give the petitioner a Purser's place or some temporary employment.

July 10. Margam. 44. Sir Thomas Mansell to the Council. Vindicates himself against an accusation of disrespectful conduct towards the Council brought against him by Walter Thomas, Portreeve of Swansea.

July 10. Pendennis Castle. 45. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Coke. Complains of the conduct of Capt. Duppa, in taking out of Falmouth, and carrying to sea, the Dutch pirate taken by him in Helford; and also of the similar conduct of Capt. Hart, with reference to a Turkish ship captured by him. These are infringements of the jurisdiction of the Duke's Vice Admirals.

July 10. 46. Sir Humphrey May, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the Council. Reports that he has examined certain bills of exchange of Nicholas Leatt, and finds that he has expended 447*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* in redemption of English captives in Tunis and Algiers.

July 10. Proclamation that all inhabitants on the sea coasts should continue at the places of their habitations during these times of danger. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 47.]

July 10. 47. Note of petition of John James, praying for the wardship of the daughters of Thomas Edwards.

July 10. 48. Notes by Sir ——— Throgmorton, touching the preceding petition of John James.

July 11. Westminster. Grant to Thomas Goddard to keep a weekly market and two annual fairs at Swindon, co. Wilts. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 8.]

July 11. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Thos. Earl of Arundel. His Majesty gives him leave to come to his house, at London, for one month. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 11. Harwich. 49. Capt. George Alleyne to Buckingham. Reports his return from convoying one merchant fleet to Elsinore, and another back. Sails for the Downs on the morrow. Great preparations of the King of Sweden; it is thought he will beleaguer Dantzic.

July 11. Whitehall. 50. Extract from Minutes of the Council. Having called before them the armourers of London, and reproved them for enhancing their prices, the Council order that a book of prices of arms should be provided, to which end the Council of War should consider the prices fixed on the going over of Count Mansfeldt's troops.

July 11. Westminster. 51. Warrant for payment of the following pensions to his Majesty's Musicians; to Nicholas Lanier, Master of the King's Music, 200*l.* per ann., to Thos. Foord 120*l.*, Robert Johnson 60*l.*, Thos. Day 64*l.*; and to Alfonso Ferrabosco, Thomas Lupo, John Lawrence, John Kelly, John Coggeshall, Robt. Taylor, Richard Deering, John Drewe, John Lanier, Edward Wormall, Angelo Notary, and Jonas Wrench, 40*l.*; and to Alfonso Bales and Robert Marsh 20*l.*

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July 11. 52. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Solicit that some course may be taken for victualling the Constant Reformation, in the harbour of Kinsale. Mr. Cooke, the master, writes that he cannot procure means to serve their present necessity, so that he must be constrained to discharge the men, or they will be forced to run away, having neither meat nor drink.

July 11. Dartmouth. 53. Mayor and others of Dartmouth to the Lord Treasurer Marlborough. Suggest that the prize goods brought into that port in the St. Jacob, could not be more conveniently conveyed to London than in that ship itself.

[July 11.] 54. Sir Thos. Gerard to the Council. Hears that they have given order for him to be enlarged from the Tower, but confined to Peterborough and five miles therefrom. His creditors will there arrest him; he therefore prays that, if he may not be freely delivered, he may be confined to the liberties of the Tower.

July 11. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 55. Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. Certain French ships having come to that port for coals, intending to pay for the same, with cardecues, such cardecues were seized by the searchers of the port as confiscated by Royal proclamation. The Governor of Calais having threatened to stay English goods for satisfaction, the Mayor desires further instructions. *Incloses,*

55. I. *Governor of Calais to the Mayor of Newcastle. Requesting him to cause justice to be done against the searchers who had seized the cardecues.* 1626, $\frac{\text{June 28.}}{\text{July 8.}}$

55. II. *Mayor of Newcastle to the Governor of Calais. He had nothing to do with the King's servants of the Custom-house, but would give the poor men his best furtherance.* 1626, *July* 6.

55. III. *Account of cardecues seized.*

July 11. 56. Sir Richard Trevor, Vice Admiral of North Wales, to Buckingham. Schedule of shipping and mariners within Sir Richard's Vice Admiralty.

July 12. 57. Capt. John Talbot to the Council. In soliciting his Captaincy, on the death of Anthony Ley, he had exceeded his leave of absence from his charge at Plymouth; prays the Council's letters to the Commissioners there, to allow him his pay for the time of his absence.

July 12. 58. Petition of George Rooke to Buckingham. Goods shipped by the petitioner for Delft were violently seized and carried to Rotterdam, where they were declared confiscated on a false pretence of non-entry, but afterwards released on payment of a mulct of 300*l.*; prays for order to stay reprisal goods here claimed by Hollanders until petitioner has restitution of his 300*l.*

July 12. 59. True state of the cause of George Rooke touching the goods above mentioned, being kersies worth 1,300*l.*

July $\frac{12}{22}$ Granada. 60. John Dolburie to Francisco Val [Francis Wall?]. Wall would recover his estate, and be able to traffic to great advantage if he returned to Spain. No enterprise in hand in those parts,

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either by land or by sea. Ships providing at St. Lucar to meet the West India fleet. The Earl of Bristol had written into Spain, of discord in the Parliament between himself and Buckingham.

July $\frac{12}{22}$. 61. Extract from the above letter, by Nicholas.

July 12. Crediton. 62. Dep. Lieuts. of Devon to the Council. Being assembled about divers military services, an alarm has come to them of a fleet near the Land's End, of 400 sail, thought to be enemies. Desire to know to whom the chief command of the army quartered upon them is committed, and beg the Council to send money to pay the soldiers.

July 12. 63. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Send certificate of repairs wanted on board the Merchant Bonaventure. Recommend that it should be called in. *Inclose,*

63. I. *Certificate before-mentioned.* 1626, *June* 19.

July 12. Trinity House, Ratcliff. 64. Master and Brethren of the Trinity House to the Council. Have caused the masters of several Scottish ships to make oath that their ships, although Flemish built, belong to his Majesty's subjects; and, having viewed the ships, report them fit to carry certain numbers of guns, for which they request the Council to give order to the Lord Admiral.

July 12. 65. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Request his warrant to John Totton, to press 150 seamen within the Cinque Ports in the County of Sussex, for the fleet at Portsmouth.

July 12. 66. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. Recommend Miles Troughton for Purser of the Happy Entrance, during the absence of Bryan Wyn, the appointed Purser, in Ireland, and that in preference to Henry Austen, Purser of the Garland.

July 13. 67. Petition of Clement Harby, one of the Commissioners for Reprisal Goods to Buckingham:—Goods of the value of 600*l.* shipped for Delft, but bound to Amsterdam, were seized at Delft by the officers of Admiralty, and carried to Rotterdam on colour of non-entry; prays for compensation out of reprisal goods claimed by Hollanders.

[July 13.] 68. Petition of Sir John Peshall to the King:—Prays that an indictment of recusancy preferred against him at the Stafford Assizes may be discharged, he being a person who goes duly to church, but is now in London in a course of physic. *Annexed,*

68. I. *Affidavit of William Iremonger, that Sir John Peshall did usually go to the church.* 1626, *July* 13.

July 13. 69. Account of payments made by anticipation, out of the ordinary sources of the King's revenue; 134,750*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

July 13. 70. Minutes of requests of Thomas Earl of Arundel to be submitted to his Majesty by Sec. Conway. They are solicited explanations of the degree of liberty which the Earl, his wife and children, were to be permitted to enjoy.

July 13. Ash. 71. E. Drake to Nicholas. Recommends Sir Richard Whitbourne as peculiarly qualified to command a ship.

July 13. 72. Estimate for building, buying, and equipping various ships for immediate service, 7,151*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*

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July 13. 73. Memoranda, by Nicholas, of motions to be made by the Duke of Buckingham, at a meeting of the Council of War:—Supply of money for the Reformation; ordnance for defence of Sandwich; 150 sailors to be pressed in the Cinque Ports.

July 14. 74. Abstract of Sir Robt. Anstruther's letter, setting forth the complaints made by the Hamburghers in consequence of the interference of the King's ships with their trade; with answers to the same in the handwriting of Nicholas.

[July 14.] 75. Offer presented to the King by the Wardens, Comptrollers, and Assay Master, Commissioners for making his Majesty's monies, for his more profit in the Mint.

July 14. 76. The King to the Lord Treasurer, the Lord President, the Lord Admiral, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Carlisle, the Earl of Holland, Lord Carleton, Secretary Coke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Attorney General. Refers to them the above proposal of the officers of the Mint.

July 14. 77. Copy of the preceding.

July 14. Blachington. 78. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Reports that he had been aboard the Swiftsure at Portsmouth, and found that she had no sea victuals aboard, and only 150 seamen out of 250; of that number 50 were boys, entirely inexperienced. The service on which he is going requires men of understanding to do what they shall be commanded. The Pressmaster should be instructed not to make up the number out of such as are good for nothing but to eat. All the ships at Portsmouth want half their men. Want of money prevented his remaining at Portsmouth to see his ship fitted and furnished. The shipwrights have found that all the floor-timbers of the Peter are rotten.

July 14. 79. Report of a committee of the Council of War to the same Council, on measures proper to be taken for the defence of the realm.

July 15. Meavy. 80. Commissioners for the government of the Army at Plymouth to the Council. The alarm communicated in the letter of the Dep. Lieuts. [1626, *July* 12, *No.* 62,] arose out of the inclosed letter. The Commissioners entreat the attention of the Council to the state of the troops stationed in that country. They urge the uselessness of the men in their present condition, unclothed and unarmed; and suggest their removal to some other part of the coast;—to some place which is more likely for an enemy to aim at, which is free from the fearful trouble of the infection, and has not been charged with this most grievous lending to his Majesty by billeting his army without money. *Inclose,*

80. I. *Capt. Geo. Heigham, Dep. Governor of the Fort at Plymouth, to "Baronet Dracke" or any other of his Majesty's Commissioners. He has received a packet, which came post from Penzance, and brought direct and certain news of* 400 *sail of ships seen at the Land's End.* 1626, *July* 11.

July 15. 81. Sir John Watts to Nicholas. Entreats him to move the Duke that Sir John's son may be appointed Lieutenant to Capt. Spring.

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July 15. 82. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Request him to give order to the Master of the Ordnance to supply the Abraham and the William, of Ipswich, appointed in place of the Desire and the Isaac, with ordnance and ammunition.

July 15. Whitehall. 83. The Council to the Lord Mayor of London. Besides pursuing their former directions, he is to take order that in case of any advertisement of the approach of an enemy towards the Isle of Sheppey, or other place, in Kent, he is to cause 4,000 of the best forces within the City to march instantly to repulse the enemy from making a descent. [*Copy.*]

July 15. Sandwich. 84. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to the Council. Having been directed to take advice for the better fortifying of their town, they represent their poverty, and desire to know whether the county shall contribute to the charge. They will do their best to possess the Council of the least show of danger, and to prevent any foreign "evasion."

July 16. 85. Petition of the East India Company to the King. In obedience to the King's command, they have dissolved their powder mills in Surrey, and discharged their servants, but having arranged for the purchase of large quantities of saltpetre, and been at great charge in erecting their mill, they pray for liberty to erect a mill in Kent or Sussex. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant for carrying out their desire.*]

July [16.] 86. Clause suggested by Archbishop Abbot to be inserted in a Royal letter of direction for the Archbishop to give a protection to Preston, the priest.

July 16. 87. Minute of papers to be signed by the King; amongst them, the letter for a protection to Preston, alluded to in the previous article. He is not to be troubled in his person, or books, without the knowledge of the Archbishop, or some other of the Council.

July 16. Dover Castle. 88. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. The Cinque Ports and the county cannot agree about furnishing the four ships; suggests that they should be divided. Desires a warrant to pay for the fire-ships out of the goods at Dover; also a new commission in which he suggests various alterations.

July 16. Dover Castle. 89. The same to [Buckingham]. Neither the King nor he will be at peace until they send "those goods" from Portsmouth to Dover. Nothing will content the mariners but the money the goods are appraised at, which is 9,600*l.*, then the King will have what can be made above that. The Hollanders have taken two Dunkirk sloops, and drowned all the men but three or four.

July 16. Whitehall. 90. The Council to the same. Request him to give licence for ordnance for the Lamb, the Increase, and the White Angel, all of Leith, and also for the Hope for Grace, of Burnt Island, all Flemish built, but now belonging to the King's subjects.

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July 17. 91. Minutes of papers to be submitted to the King; amongst them a Privy Seal for redelivering bonds for payment of the extinct duty on hops imported, according to the certificate of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. [*See* 1626, *June*, *No.* 93.]

[July 17?] 92. Another paper of the same kind, and containing some of the matters mentioned in the preceding paper, with others; amongst the latter are letters patent for the naturalization of Lady Conway; petition of Mrs. Ogden, daughter of Dr. Fulke, that her father's Confutation of the Rhemish translation of the Testament might be published, and every parish be enjoined to receive a copy; application of Dr. Warburton, King's Chaplain, that the King would nominate Theophilus Powell, as a Winchester Scholar, to proceed from Winchester to New College, Oxford, at the next election.

July $\frac{17}{27}$. Brussels. 93. Thos. Morgan to Buckingham. Having lately seen the filthy pamphlet of Dr. George Eglesham [imputing to the Duke that he had poisoned King James], the writer suggests to the Duke to have "this fellow brought into England, to see what song he will sing" there, and offers to seize and bring him thither if the Duke will pay the expenses. He offers also to acquaint the Duke with a way of making peace with Spain, and procuring the restoration of the Palatinate.

July 17. Portsmouth. 94. Wm. Cary to Sec. Coke. His grief for the death of the Bishop [Cary, of Exeter]. Sets forth his losses from the Spaniards, and desires letters of marque.

July 17. Woburn. 95. Francis Lord Russell to Sec. Conway. Recommends Mr. Broadstreet for employment in foreign service.

July 17. London. 96. John Sorrell to Nicholas. For a Purser's place in one of the ships now building.

July 17. 97. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. Request him to press the Lord Treasurer for present order for money for victualling the Reformation and the St. Andrew. The Nonsuch and John Bonaventure want both victuals and men.

July 17. 98. Petition of Edward Jones to the Council of War. He is son of Capt. Wm. Jones, Commander of a Queen's ship in the time of Elizabeth; has been bred to the marine profession, and served the late King under divers commanders; prays for employment.

July 17. Greenwich. 99. Certificate of Sir Robt. Mansell in favour of Edward Jones, son of the late Capt. Jones, who desires to serve his Majesty.

July 17. 100. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Once more recommend the appointment of the Assurance and five merchant ships to take the place of the Nonsuch and John Bonaventure, in the river Elbe.

July 17. Welbeck. 101. Wm. Viscount Mansfield to the Council. Certifies the Muster of the Trained Bands, and general military condition of the county of Nottingham. Powder insufficient, but he will forbear to levy money on that account until the country has given satisfaction to his Majesty's late letters for money, to which he wishes much furtherance.

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July 18. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Thos. Earl of Arundel. His Majesty's pleasure is that he, his lady and children, repair to any of his houses for two months. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 18. London. 102. Roger Gyffard to Nicholas. Begs a warrant for money for Capt. Gyffard.

July 18. 103. Minute of contents of intercepted letters addressed under cover to Père de Sancy, confessor to the Queen. Distress of the English college at Douay.

July 18. 104. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. If he knows not of any present employment for the Sea-Venture of Ipswich, they suggest she should be discharged.

July 19. Dover road. 105. Sir Hen. Palmer to the same. Had suffered more trouble and affliction to keep his men from mutiny for want of victual and clothes than he has ever been acquainted with. Recommends Samuel Lewin as sucessor to Watson, Boatswain of his ship, if he die.

July 19. 106. Examination of John Ballenden as to his communications with one Cromby or Abercromby, once secretary to Lord Kellie, but now a prisoner in the Gate House.

July 19. Whitehall. 107. The Council to the Mayor and Burgesses of Lyme Regis. Apprising them of the warlike preparations in Spain, and giving them permission to fortify their town, with the approbation of the Lord Lieut. of the county.

July 19. 108. Commissioners authorized to consider the state of his Majesty's revenue, under a Commission dated the 11th July then instant, to Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver of the Court of Wards. He is to make stay of payment of all annuities and pensions until further order. [*Copy.*]

July 19. Theobalds. 109. Wm. Earl of Salisbury, Lord Lieut. of Herts., to the Council. The Dep. Lieuts. having cast up the charge of the warlike provision directed to be made by the county, conceive they have no power to levy the same. Sir Thos. Hyde has contemptuously neglected to appear and take upon him the company to which he has been appointed. *Incloses,*

109. I. *Dep. Lieuts. of Herts. to the Earl of Salisbury. Report their proceedings, and allege want of authority to levy money for the required purposes.* 1626, *July* 18.

July 19. 110. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Had appointed John Totton Pressmaster in co. Sussex. He stays for the Duke's warrant to press in the Cinque Ports. He cannot perform the service elsewhere, and for want of those men the fleet cannot proceed.

July 19. 111. Certificate of Thos. Wight, that Edward Jones had served as a gentleman of Sir Thos. Dutton's company.

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July 19. Petersfield. 112. Sir Daniel Norton, Sheriff of Hants, to the Council. Hearing that above 300 mariners were passing towards London, in a rout, he had obtained from them a statement of their purpose, and had persuaded them to return on his promise to submit their case to their Lordships. *Annexed,*

112. I. *Note of the demands of the seamen. Dated* 1626, *July* 18.

July 19. Dover Road. 113. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Is driven to extremity for want of victual. That morning his company refused to work unless they might be fed, and he was obliged to use vigour and enforce them to it. A ship put ashore by the enemy's sloops near Sandgate Castle, but he could not do anything for want of provisions. Preparations in Spain; report that they would sail in ten days.

July 19. 114. Petition of Gilbert Keate and George Turberville to the Council. On the 11th inst. the petitioners prayed relief in respect of 466*l.*, detained from them by Mr. Jacob, of the Custom House; the Board ordered Mr. Jacob to make satisfaction; on showing him the order, he said he would not pay one penny, and that if the Board ordered him to satisfy the collection-money of which his servant-clerk had defrauded him, he would detain the money in his hands to satisfy the debt owing to him from the King; pray relief; the debt, being for spices and sugars used in the King's house, ought to be paid out of the composition for spices.

July 20. Westminster. Grant of pardon to Valentine Browne, of Erith, co. Kent, for killing one Jasper Warren, granted on the certificate of Colonel Harwood, under whom Browne had served in the wars. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 9.]

[July 20.] 115. [The Council to the Justices of Westminster]. Instructions to call before them the principal subsidy men, and to declare to them that there was a mistaking by the Commissioners at the late meeting at Westminster respecting the subsidy, and thereupon to solicit from them a free gift. [*Draft.*]

July 20. 116. Copy of the preceding, with an imperfect addition.

July 20. 117. Sir Henry Marten to the Council. The ship mentioned in the annexed petition had been adjudged to the Lord Admiral as goods of pirates. He approves the opinion of the King's Advocate. *Annexed,*

117. I. *Jeffera Reyes and* 36 *other Turks, being the crew of a ship of Algiers, to the Council. Having put into Plymouth, they were taken prisoners, and their ships seized. They pray for their release, and the redelivery of their ship.* [*Underwritten is a reference to the Judge of the Admiralty.*]

117. II. *Dr. Ryves, King's Advocate, to the Council. By virtue of the league with Algiers the petitioners ought to be released and their ship restored.*

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July 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Lord Lieuts. of Surrey, Sussex, Wilts. and Berks. To have in readiness a certain proportion of the Trained Bands, to repair to Portsmouth on any danger. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 20. Mansfield. 118. Commissioners of Lieutenancy for Nottingham to the Council. Had not proceeded with the Musters, their authority being superseded by the appointment on the 6th inst., of William Viscount Mansfield to be Lord Lieutenant of the county.

July [20?] 119. Mayor and others of Southampton to the same. Had taken order for repair of their small store of ordnance, but were by no means able of themselves to fortify their town. If the castles in those parts were repaired, they would be a principal defence to the town. Have of late received so many losses that they can yield but little assistance towards the preparations at Portsmouth.

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July 21. Westminster. Regrant of an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* per diem, to James Rutherford, servant to the King when Prince of Wales. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 10.]

July 21. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To examine Sir Henry Bedingfield's request, (recommended by the Royal mother of France), if his Majesty may yield unto the same without prejudice. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 21. 1. Account of prize goods remaining in the Tower unsold; with note of what have been adjudged to the King.

July 21. 2. Petition of officers, now in his Majesty's service, who were in the expedition to Cadiz, to Buckingham:—Have now been above a year in the King's service without any means; necessity forces them to pray for some payment, and that their persons may be free from arrest.

July 21. Dover Castle. 3. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Entreats him to send for Mr. Wyan, the Duke's Proctor, and to know of whom he had a copy of their proceedings in the Admiralty Court, surreptitiously obtained. Recommends Capt. Byrne.

July 21. Portsmouth. 4. Den. Fleming and Joshua Downing, Commissioners of the Fleet at Portsmouth, to Sec. Coke. The masters and owners of the merchant ships have delivered to them the enclosed petition. They decline to receive stores on board until their ships be measured. The mariners that put themselves on towards London, by the care of Sir Daniel Norton returned the day following, and received their pay due before the Proclamation, but are not satisfied. *Inclose,*

4. 1. *Squier Bence, and* 18 *others, to the Commissioners at Portsmouth. They pray that their ships may be measured and rated, so that they may know their pay, and that they may be paid for their former voyage, and have money to set their ships to sea.*

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July 21. 5. Joseph Prater to Sec. Conway. Protests that he is a faithful subject of the King, and prays for release from imprisonment, on bond, without pressing him to take the oath of allegiance.

July 22. Whitehall. 6. Order of Council for extra payments to be made to the Judge and other officers of the Court of Admiralty, for their services concerning the prize goods.

July 22. Welbeck. 7. Wm. Viscount Mansfield to the Council. The Commissioners for Musters in co. Nottingham had received a letter from the Council directing them to do certain things. Conceives their commission came to an end on his appointment. Had taken measures to prevent the service suffering from this mistake.

July 22. Welbeck. 8. The same to Sec. Conway. To the same effect.

July 22. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. Sending the petition of one Thomas Colles, a prisoner. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 253.]

July 22. Hague. 9. Wm. Colvill to Sec. Conway. Reports the purchase of 20 complete sets of arms for cuirassiers, made at Dort, and 20 pair of pistols, with cases; the price of the former being 40 guineas each, that of the latter 24 guineas. Solicits the remittal of the money.

July 22. Whitehall. 10. Order of Council that Jeffera Reyes and 36 other Turks, who had been driven into Plymouth, should be set at liberty and their ship be restored to them. [*See* 1626, *July* 20, *No.* 117.]

July 22 11. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Thomas Burleigh, Gunner of the Assurance, and George Cadman, Gunner of the Mary Rose, had embezzled five barrels of gunpowder. They had been committed to custody until his Grace's pleasure was known.

July 22. Ratcliff. 12. The same to the same. For ordnance and ammunition to be supplied to the St. Mary and the St. Anne, two prize ships.

July 22. Portsmouth. 13. Mayor and others of Portsmouth to the same. Phineas Raisebrooke offers 188*l.* 16*s.* for the Heart's Desire, taken from the Turks by Capt. Mason. The goods seized by Samuel Pauson and others shall be sent to Dover the first opportunity. Wish some one appointed to give a discharge for them, being of great value. [*Underwritten is a recommendation of Sir. Thos. Savage and others, that the Heart's Desire should be sold if* 200*l. were offered for her.* 1626, *August* 9.]

July 22. Canterbury. 14. Mayor of Canterbury to Archbishop Abbot. Reports the apprehension of Adrian Grana and Lorain Parkie, two Jesuits, travelling under the authority of a Royal warrant suspected to be applicable to other persons.

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July 22. 15. Extracts from the Council Register of persons sworn before that Board on appointments to the Privy Council, or to other offices. [*They run from* 1616, *April* 3 *to* 1626, *July* 22.]

July 22. 16. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a bill for allowance of 6*l.* per diem to Lord Carleton, whilst Ambassador in France.

July 22. 17. Gifts of Dr. Goade to the Yeomen of the House [of the Archbishop of Canterbury ?].

July 22. 18. Note, by Nicholas, of the persons to whom bills of exchange were to be sent for supplying the ships at the Elbe.

July 23. 19. Mr. Ashwell to the Council. On delivery to him, as security, of indigo and other commodities out of the prize goods, he will pay 1,000*l.* at Hamburgh. [*Unsigned.*]

July 23. 20. Robert Earl of Warwick to Thos. Meautys, Clerk of the Council. Names of persons who refused to carry timber for the fort at Landguard, and of such as have made defaults in Musters. *Incloses,*

20. I. *A. Mildmay to the Earl of Essex. Certificate that Henry Stacy refused to serve at Musters, and encouraged others to do the like.*

20. II. *Complaint of Wm. Lynne against Thos. Brown, for a similar cause.*

July 23. Aboard the Phoenix at Cork. 21. Capt. Christopher Harris to Nicholas. Had sent, by Mr. Stockdale, particulars of the goods received from Sir Wm. Hull belonging to Campaine. Is commanded by the Lord President not to leave that coast until further order. Hears the Duke is going with this expedition, and thinks himself unhappy not to go with him.

July 23. 22. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Request a warrant to fit the Assurance to serve in the Elbe.

July 23. Blachington. 23. Captain Richard Gyffard to Nicholas. Has received warrant for pressing 50 men. Hopes the press and conduct money will be repaid him. Had also received a warrant for 100*l.*, which he hopes will be quickly paid. Has laid out 100*l.* in repairs of the pinnace, and will write to the Duke to have her go with the fleet, although doubtful how she will endure the winter storms.

July 23. Portsmouth. 24. Commissioners at Portsmouth to Buckingham. Send account of the victuals provided for the fleet. The owners of the merchant ships are unwilling to receive provisions on board, until their ships are measured and rated.

July 23. Barnstaple. 25. Francis Newton to the Farmers of the Customs in London. Great misconduct of the Welshmen who brought a Flemish ship into Barnstaple as a prize. [*See* 1626, *July* 7. *Nos.* 27 *and* 28. *Underwritten is a minute of Sec. Coke, that a commission was to be sent to the Mayor of Barnstaple, to examine into the allegations in this letter.*]

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July 24. Dover Castle. 26. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Popularity acquired by the Duke with the Portsmen, by granting their request for the two ships. They now solicit that they may choose their own ships and captains, and have letters of marque. Has compounded for 200*l.* instead of 400*l.*, for the expense of the five ships. Begs that he may be allowed to expend the other 200*l.* in repair of the forts. Suggests the necessity for repairs at Sandgate Castle and St. Margaret's.

July 24. 27. Certificate that John Browne, of Breasworth, said that it would never be a good world till the Duke were cut off.

July 24. Whitehall 28. The Council to the Justices of Middlesex and Westminster. Instead of sending round collectors to ascertain what persons of ability will give to the King, they are to send for such persons one after another, and themselves deal with them as they are best acquainted withal. [*Copy.*]

July 24. Newport. 29. Justices of co. Monmouth to the Council. Having received letters requiring them to make ready a pinnace for the service of the fleet, they certify that having inquired what ships belong to any port in that county, they cannot find that there is any one.

July [24?] 30. The King to ——. Form of letter to be addressed to each one of the nobility, requiring the person addressed to make a free and voluntary gift for the defence of the kingdom after the rate of four subsidies. [*Draft.*]

July 24. 31. Bond of Thomas Reeve, of Great Yarmouth, clerk, John Power, and Edmund Denny, in 200*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Thos. Reeve before the Council, within 20 days after notice.

July 24. Aboard the Great Neptune, in Tilbury Hope. 32. Capt. Edward Giles to Nicholas. On the 11th inst. he landed Col. Shrive, the King of Denmark's servant at Helvoetsluys, with the Earl of Essex, Sir Chas. Rich, Sir Walter Devereux, Sir Ferdinand Knightly, Sir Henry Killigrew, Sir Andrew Duncombe, and Mr. Poulett. The Queen of Bohemia was brought to bed of a Princess on the Friday before; had invited her Majesty to be a godmother, with the Princess of Orange. The Prince of Orange had taken the field. Had brought over Lord Digby and Sir Kenelm Digby.

July 24. Whitehall. Proclamation revoking the proclamation of Sept. 4, 1625, whereby certain French monies, called cardecues, were made current in England. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 48.]

July 25. Bristol. 33. Wm. Willett to the same. Goods in the prize brought in by Capt. Prynne have been appraised, and are not worth more than 300*l.* The sugar merchants say the Duke promised them a good pennyworth, and they will not, therefore, deal with Sir John Drake, who treats them pedlar-like. The Mayor of Bristol has stayed two ships to send to Portsmouth, which were already about to sail with letters of marque; wishes to know if they may not proceed as intended. *Incloses,*

33. 1. *Appraisement of goods in the prize called the Peter, of Schiedam;* 262*l.* 19*s.*

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July 25. Whitehall. 34. The Council to the Justices of Middlesex and Westminster. Persons applied to for a free gift having excused themselves because they had received Privy Seals for loans, the Justices, if they find such persons inclined to give a convenient sum, are to assure them that they will make a certificate thereof, not doubting that they will be discharged from their Privy Seals. [*Copy.*]

July 25. 35. Inhabitants of Westminster to the King. Address accompanying their voluntary oblation, and praying that the same may not be drawn into a precedent.

July 25. 36. Petition of Robert Bacon, Captain of Camber Castle, to Buckingham:—Prays that a petition against him, presented by Thos. Rolfe, may be referred to the Earl of Dorset. *Annexed,*

36. 1. *Thos. Rolfe to Buckingham. He complains that the said Robert Bacon, Remembrancer of the City of London, had withheld his pay.* [*Underwritten is a reference of the petition to Capt. Bacon, to satisfy the petitioner.* 1626, *July* 11.]

[July 25.] 37. Petition of Sir Thos. Gerard to the Council. Petition similar to that previously presented for enlargement or else for confinement within the liberties of the Tower. [*See* 1626, *July* 11., *No.* 54.]

July 25. 38. Thos. Earl of Kent and Thos. Earl of Cleveland, Lord Lieutenants of co. Bedford, to the same. Certify their proceedings towards taking the Musters. Report generally on the military condition of the county.

July 26. Westminster. Warrant to pay to John Aston, the King's Goldsmith, 2,096*l.* 18*s.*, for gilt plate given away on New Year's Day 1626; 2,590*l.* 4*s.*, for gilt plate given to Ambassadors; 484*l*, for gilt plate given away at christenings; 1,415*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, for eleven chains of gold given to Ambassadors' attendants; 282*l.* 10*s.*, for 62 medals of the Order of the Bath and carnation riband for the same; 68*l.*, for two ingots of gold offered at the coronation; 35*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for plate borrowed; 1,533*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, for repairs and alterations of plate previous to the King's marriage and coronation; 20*l.*, for removals of plate; and 26*l.* 12*s.*, for 133 ells of fine holland to cover two great cupboards of estate in the Banqueting House, at Whitehall, at the feasting of the Duke de Chevreuse. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 11.]

July 26. Whitehall. 39. The Council to the Duke of Buckingham. Masters of merchant ships employed in his Majesty's service have petitioned that their ships may be measured and gauged; the Council have been informed that this has been delayed on account of some question on the rule of measurement heretofore held; they pray the Duke to direct the Commissioners of the Navy to settle such rule as shall be right.

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July 26. 40. Petition of Anne Lady Perient to Buckingham:—Prays that the Farmers of the Customs may be permitted to pay her pension, which was originally purchased for a great sum of money.

July 26. 41. Petition of the Grooms of the Queen's Great Chamber to the King:—Pray that they may have the same allowance as those of his Majesty, that is, that instead of 3*s.* 4*d.* per message, they may receive 2*s.* per day. *Fr.*

[July 26?] 42. Petition of eight of the Grooms of the Queen's Great Chamber to her Majesty:—Pray her to move the King that they may be paid.

July 26. 43. Petition of William Butts, one of the Messengers of the King's Chamber, to Buckingham:—Sir Wm. Saunderson, one of the King's Equerries, owes the petitioner 11*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; prays that the Duke will either order Sir William to satisfy the petitioner, or that he may have leave to recover the amount by law.

July 26. Denmark House. 44. The Count de Tillieres to the Council. Certificate that Adrian le Grand and Lawrence Piqueret detained at Canterbury were servants of the Queen, sent for, out of France, by her.

July 26. 45. Robert Tipper and John Gason to the Commissioners of the King's Revenue. Proposal for draining the fens in the Counties of Lincoln, Northampton, Cambridge, and Huntingdon, with the underwritten recommendation of the Commissioners to the King, dated 1626, Aug. 4, that the proposal should be accepted.

July 27. 46. Anticipations of the ordinary revenue as they now stand charged on prospective receipts; total 440,458*l.*

July 27. Holyrood House. 47. The Council of Scotland to the King. Andrew Scott, surgeon, having been cautioner for Sir Walter Scott, of Whitesleid, Sir John Scott, Sir Robert Scott and Robert Scott, had been thereby miserably ruined and undone, whereupon the King having recommended the execution of sentences obtained against Sir Walter Scott and the rest, they had withdrawn "over the Marches upon the consigne of the two kingdoms." The Council pray the King to order a warrant to be issued for apprehending "the said rebels." [*Copy.*]

[July 27.] 48. Petition of the Minister, Churchwardens, and others of St. Andrew in the Wardrobe, London, to the Council:—Pray for the suppression of a disorderly house kept by Richd. Holland and Amy his wife in a privileged place belonging to King's College, Cambridge, in Duke Humphrey's Rents.

July 27. 49. Wm. Burrell to [Nicholas]. Sends account of fire-ships and pinnaces now building.

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July 27. Portsmouth. 50. Commissioners at Portsmouth to the Council. The masters of the merchant ships desire that, before putting forth again to sea, they may have bills signed for their former services. *Inclose,*

50. I. *Squier Bence and thirteen others, masters of merchant ships part of the fleet at Portsmouth, to the Commissioners there. Being ordered to take aboard their sea stores, they desire his Majesty to commiserate their condition, and that of their wives and children, and to grant them either money or bills for their former services, on receipt of which they are content to leave the exact measuring of their ships until they return.*

July 27. Whitley, co. York. 51. Sir Richd. Beaumont to Buckingham. His thankfulness that the black tempest cast upon the Duke by the passions of some people is past. Prays that the King and he may strive ever who shall hold hardest. Entreats the Duke's favour towards Sir Richd's kinsman who bears his name, and is owner of the Golden Cock, of London.

July 28. Holyrood House. 52. Royal licence for Nathaniel Edwards and his partners, to fish and trade in Greenland for twenty-one years, for the provision of Scotland and the soap works of the said Nathaniel Edwards with oils. [*Copy.*]

July 28. 53. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington, Captain of the Vanguard. Warrant appointing him Rear Admiral of the fleet making ready at Portsmouth for employment to the southward.

[July 28 ?] 54. Petition of Nathaniel Garrett to the Council:—Goods of the petitioner and James Bollart were wrongfully sold by the Commissioners for Prize Goods for 1,215*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; prays that the Commissioners may be directed to pay him out of the produce of the next goods sold. *Annexed,*

54. I. *Certificate of the Commissioners of Prize Goods, that goods sold for* 1,215*l.* 18*s.* 4*d. had since been adjudged to belong to Nathaniel Garrett and James Bollart.* 1626, *July* 28.

July 28. Falmouth. 55. Capt. James Duppa to Nicholas. Justifies his conduct with reference to the capture of the Dutch pirate at Helford. The Turk who was in company with the Dutchman had escaped, and Duppa's ships had been separated by stormy weather.

July 28. 56. Dr. Thos. Ryves, King's Advocate, to Sec. Conway. Being commanded to certify what proceedings there had been of late against recusants in the High Commission Court, he states that since his Majesty's accession there had not been any person questioned for matter of religion, and only a few, very few, for conveying money for support of seminaries, for sending children to foreign parts, or for dispersing books, or using speeches, contrary to the religion established.

July 28. 57. Copy of the preceding.

[July 28.] 58. Translation of the principal clause in the preceding letter into French.

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July 28. Barkedon. 59. Arthur Worth to Nicholas. There is daily looking for the Spanish enemy. The poor soldiers complain exceedingly, and are so ragged and torn that it is pitiful to behold. The country complains for want of money for their billeting. Plymouth, Ashburton, and Oakhampton very much infected with the plague. Exeter is reasonably clear. Solicits Nicholas's interference to procure money from James Hugessen.

July 28. Canterbury. 60. Sir Christopher Man and Lawrence Lovelace, the Recorder of Canterbury, to Sec. Conway. A suspicious person, naming himself Jacques Fayreman, had been taken in the parish of St. Dunstan's, near Canterbury. Send up a packet of letters which he had in his possession.

July 28. Liskeard. 61. Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Truro refused to allow their men to attend the general Musters, and other towns followed their example. Edward Kestell is the mayor, and Everard Edmonds, Francis Griggar, and Francis Nasworthie are burgesses. Desire they may be sent for, to answer their contempt.

July 28. Newington. 62. Robt. Earl of Warwick to the President of the Council. Desires a warrant to take fresh turf to face the new fort at Landguard Point, and also another warrant to treat with ships of Ipswich to lay into the forts a chaldron of coals apiece, for fire for the guards a-nights, otherwise the King will be put to a yearly expense of 100 marks.

July 28. Chester. 63. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. The Dep. Lieuts. of Cheshire and Lancashire could not proceed in the execution of the Council's letters for military preparation without a warrant for levying sufficient money. *Incloses,*

63. I. *Dep. Lieuts. of Lancashire to the Earl of Derby. Reporting their proceedings.* 1626, *July* 20.

July 28. Donington. 64. Henry Earl of Huntingdon, to the Council. Reports his proceedings towards putting the co. of Leicester in a state of military preparation. The general Muster respited, on account of the shire town and nine or ten other towns being visited with the plague. Until the year '88 there were only 500 trained men in the county, the Earl's great uncle then raised 500 private men, who had ever since been continued. This number as many as can be raised.

July 28. 65. Commissioners of the Navy to [Nicholas]. The ancient division [of a prize] was in thirds;—to the ship, the mariners, and the victuallers.

July 29. Haverford West. 66. Justices of co. Pembroke to the Council. Had called the county together, to consider of a gift to his Majesty. Backwardness of the Commons, who desired until the 7th of August to consider of an answer. Will make ready a pinnace as directed, but cannot send it to Portsmouth by the appointed time. *Inclose,*

66. I. *Sir John Lewis to Sir John Wogan, Bart., and John Wogan, Esq. Thinks the charge of setting forth a ship is to be borne by the parts of the county adjoining Milford Haven.* 1626, *July* 27.

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July 29. The Downs. 67. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Reports his proceedings. He had been on the opposite coast. The Adventure was gone to attend Lord Carleton. Would transport the Count de Tillieres in his own ship. Begs the Duke to allow him to attend him to solicit the favour of his being godfather to Sir Henry's son.

July 29. Downs. 68. The same to Nicholas. Begs him to obtain permission that he might come up for a day to attend his Grace, and that he might have his answer on his return from transporting Count de Tillieres.

July 29. Whitehall. 69. Order of Council, that the masters and owners of the Fortune, of Hamburgh, stayed at Swansea, should be at liberty to take legal proceedings for recovery of their ship, with damages for its detention.

July 29. 70. Sir Heneage Finch to the Council. Sends examination of Henry Wyvell, brother of Sir Marmaduke Wyvell. He refused to take the oath of allegiance. *Incloses,*

70. I. *Examination alluded to.*

July 29. Cardiff. 71. Justices of co. Glamorgan to the Council. They are unable to prepare, as directed, a vessel of 30 tons for the service of the fleet, there being no such vessel belonging to any port of the county. Within 12 months, five good barks of Cardiff had been taken by the pirates of Sallee.

July 29. Portsmouth. 72. Owen Jennings to Sec. Conway. Sends a Muster-book of ships and sea-faring men within his Lordship's Vice Admiralty. The number much decreased within a few years. *Incloses,*

72. I. *The Muster-book before-mentioned, dated* 1626, *July* 21.

July 29. Portsmouth. 73. The same to Wm. Wyld, Secretary to Sec. Conway. Reminds him, in addition to the circumstances mentioned in the preceding letter, that Lord Conway's Vice Admiralty jurisdiction in the New Forest was disputed.

July 29. York House. 74. List of ships and numbers of men, with underwritten certificate of the Duke of Buckingham, that they will be ready to sail from Portsmouth on August 12. [*Copy.*]

[July 29] 75. Another list, with names of the Captains, and an appended list of "able and experienced sea-captains."

July 29. Wells. 76. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Somerset to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Certify their proceedings in the Musters, and report the general military state of the county.

July 29. Hurstborne. 77. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Hants to Sec. Conway, Lord Lieutenant. Request a letter from the Council authorizing the election of a Provost Marshal; and comment on several of the directions for defence of the county, which they wish to have altered. [*Indorsed is a note of an answer to this letter in the handwriting of Sec. Coke.*]

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July 29. Whitehall. 78. The Council to Buckingham. Capt. George Cross having, by virtue of letters of reprisal, taken a Spanish ship called the Good Jesus, and desiring to buy ordnance for the same, the Council pray the Duke to give the necessary licence.

July 29. Whitehall. 79. The Council to the same. Request him to give licence for ordnance for the Margaret and John of Topsham, Flemish built, but now belonging to the King's subjects.

July 29. 80. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. Certifies by command various particulars in which moderation has been used in the execution of the laws against recusants. [*Copy.*]

[July 29.] 81. Translation of the principal part of the preceding letter into French.

July 30. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Laud, late Bishop of St. Davids and then of Bath and Wells, to hold a prebend of Westminster, in commendam, with his Bishoprick. "Done by order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham." [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 12.]

July 30. Westminster. 82. Privy Seal [without direction] for the loan of 100*l.* for 18 months, to be paid to Alderman Cambell or Alderman Ducey. [*Printed. This is the form of Privy Seal issued in* 1625, *the date being altered in ink.*]

July 30. Dartmouth. 83. Mayor and others of Dartmouth to the Council. Thanks for permission to fortify their town. Pray for a gift of further ordnance. If an enemy were to land at Blackpool or Torbay, he might take the hills, and beat them out of the town.

July 30. Whitehall. 84. The Council to Buckingham. Inclose a remonstrance of the Ambassador of the United Provinces, respecting a ship of Rotterdam, bound for Rochelle, but seized by an English ship for a Dunkirker, and brought into a port near Exeter. The master was imprisoned, although he produced a commission from the Prince of Orange and a letter from the town of Rotterdam. The Duke is to give order for the examination of the business.

July 30. 85. Petition of Capt. Wm. Dutton to the Council:—Was employed in May 1625, in conducting 200 soldiers from Macclesfield to Hull, for the voyage of Count Mansfeldt, for which service there remains due to him 68*l.* 16*s.* 8*d*; prays for an order for payment.

July 31. Holyrood House. 86. Sir George Hay, Lord Chancellor of Scotland, to Sec. Coke. Sir James Leslie has received the money for his levy, and has given bond to return 30*s.* for every man under 400. Sir Donald Mackay had the fairest regiment that country had seen, but the writer fears it is now much lessened.

July 31. Holyrood House. 87. The same to Sec. Conway. Had received Lord Conway's letter, sent by one Campbell, natural son of Sir John Campbell, who had lately apostatised, with many more of the Irishry dwelling in the Isles. The father has been sent to prison; the son professes loyalty, and aims at employment. The Chancellor will make the best use of his discoveries.

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July 31. Carmarthen. 88. Justices of co. Carmarthen to the Council. They cannot, as directed, send a bark of 30 tons to Portsmouth, theirs being an inland county, with only a few creeks, in which there is no such ship; nor, if there were, have they any power of furnishing her with provisions within the time limited.

July 31. Leatherhead. 89. Chas. Earl of Nottingham to the Council. Sends report of Musters for co. Surrey, with list of defaulters, and calls for their exemplary punishment. *Incloses,*

89. I. *Certificate of defaulters at the Muster at Leatherhead.*

89. II. *Dep. Lieuts. co. Surrey to the Earl of Nottingham. Report their proceedings at Musters, and the military condition of the county.* 1626, *July* 27. *Inclose,*

89. II. I. *Certificate of defaulters at the Muster at Kingston.*

89. II. II. *The like at Croydon.*

July 31. Brighthelmstone. 90. Petition of the inhabitants and fishermen of Brighthelmstone and Shoreham to Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey and Edward Earl of Dorset, Lord Lieutenants of Sussex. They set forth the ravages of the Dunkirkers and the decay of their fisheries, and pray that their coast may be guarded.

July 31. 91. Speech addressed by Sec. Conway, by the King's command, to the Lords and Ladies of the Queen's Household, setting forth their improper conduct in her Majesty's service, and dismissing them from attendance.

[July 31.] 92. A discovery of practices of the Queen's French servants prejudicial to the Court and State.

July 31. Thetford. 93. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Norfolk to the Council. Submitted to the Council, in June last, certain propositions concerning the Musters, to which they desire to receive answers.

July 31. Colchester. 94. Jonas Legg to Sir John Wolstenholme. John Prisman, master of the Edward and John, had omitted certain goods out of the ship's entry. Requests that Paio Rodrigo de Paz may be examined thereon, and a warrant be issued against the master.

July 31. Canterbury. 95. Charles Man and Lawrence Lovelace to Sec. Conway. Had delivered Jacques Fayreman to John Penyall, one of the Messengers of the Chamber. Inclose papers found on the prisoner, and a jewel, supposed to be hallowed.

July. 96. Sir John Talbot to Sec. Conway. That one Winser refused to take the oath of supremacy.

July. Whitehall. 97. Licence for Sir Henry Merry and John Merry, recusants convict, to travel to any part of the kingdom for six months. [*Unsigned.*]

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July. 98. Questions concerning the droits of the Cinque Ports referred for answer to Nicholas by the Duke of Buckingham's Commissioners for Admiralty businesses.

July. 99. Copy of the same.

July. 100. Answers of Nicholas to the preceding questions.

[July?] 101. References to various records in the Tower, concerning the Cinque Ports.

July. 102. Inventory of goods landed out of a prize brought into the port of London by Capt. John Powell.

[July.] 103. Petition of James Stonehouse to the King:—Having lost his ship, the Elizabeth Margaret, by going into Seville, not knowing of the breach of peace, he prays to be allowed to purchase the Fortune, an old Flemish-built prize lying at Deptford, near the Dock, on favourable terms.

July. 104. Petition of John Van Leire to the Council:—For 13 months and more has been a suitor to the King for money [2,260*l.*], due for rings and other jewels delivered at Boulogne on the Queen's coming into England, for which sum, and also for money [700*l.*] borrowed there by Mr. [Sackville] Crow; the petitioner has a Privy Seal; order having been made for payment out of the prize goods at Dover, the petitioner prays expedition, and compensation for loss of time and expenses. [*See Reg. Concil.*, 1626, *July* 10.]

[July.] 105. Account of what is most necessary to be provided for the defence of the kingdom.

[July?] 106. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Lyme Regis to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieut. of co. Dorset:—The King having permitted them to fortify their town, [*see* 1626, *July* 19,] they proceeded to erect a sconce at the expense of 200*l.* which they hoped to have raised amongst themselves; some persons having declined to contribute, they pray for his assistance to compel them to do so.

July. 107. Information exhibited in the Court of Star Chamber by Sir Robert Heath, his Majesty's Attorney General, against George Duke of Buckingham. It is an echo of the charges against the Duke contained in his impeachment. [*Copy.*]

[July?] 108. List of the ship's company of the Adventure, Capt. Geo. Allen, prepared with a view to the calculation of wages.

[July.] 109. Petition of the Surgeons pressed into the Fleet to the Council of War:—Pray that, if there are to be no physicians or apothecaries on board, the surgeons may have an allowance to provide necessary "physic and surgery."

July. 110. Petition of Michael Bourley [Burneley] to the Council:—Prays to be discharged of his commitment, and that the conduct of James Hugessen, the informer against him, may be inquired into.

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[July ?] 111. Sir Randill Cranfield [to the Council ?]. Declaration of his cause concerning his being sequestered from his office of Master of the Mint, to which he prays that he may be restored.

[July ?] 112. List sent to the Earl of Dorset of such persons as refused to pay towards mending the highways of the parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The list contains the Duke of Buckingham, the Earls of Suffolk, Salisbury, Rutland, Denbigh, Holland, and Berkshire, the Countess of Derby, Viscount Wallingford, Lords Grandison and Conway, Lady St. Albans, Lady Raleigh, Sir Henry Vane, Sir Robert Naunton, Inigo Jones, Endymion Porter, and many other well-known persons, all dwellers in St. Martin's parish.

July. 113. Arguments by Sir Miles Fleetwood for the continuance of payment of the pensions out of the Court of Wards.

[July ?] 114. Th. Cruse to Lady Carnsew. An Ambassador arrived from Denmark. Lord Essex and Sir Charles Rich gone to travel. A stranger at Whitehall has prophesied three days darkness or great famine; if his prophecy do not come true, it is reported that he is to be hanged. A general fast ordered. Various news jocularly told. London has lent the King 25,000*l.*, scarce enough to buy a dozen points. The Duke is going to sea with a fleet of 360 sail.

[July ?] 115. Paper by Sir Alexander Steward, entitled "A Discourse concerning Diversion," being a suggestion that the King should enter into an alliance with the Hanse towns.

[July ?] 116. Information of Duncan Colville [Coluel] as to an intended rising of the Roman Catholics in Scotland. "Father Trumboll" encouraged him to go into the action, which was to be executed before the last of August. The Earl of Argyle said it was "a folly and madness that they could never bring to pass."

[July ?] 117. Statement of the proceedings of "one Bruce a Jesuit," sent by the Roman Catholic noblemen of Scotland to the Earl of Argyle, to procure his concurrence in a rising in Scotland for the establishment of the Roman Catholic religion; also of the arrangements made by Dr. Talbot for landing a Spanish army in Ireland.

[July ?] 118. Information of Edwd. Balderough, lately come from Spain, as to the condition of the Spanish fleet, and the possibility of effecting its destruction.

[July ?] 119. Reasons why the measure of a ship's burthen is to be taken from within and not from without.

[July ?] 120. Reasons why a ship's burthen should rather be measured in her breadth from outside to outside than from inside to inside.

[July ?] 121. A rule to know the tonnage of any ship by the breadth, length, and depth; with a suggestion that three or four ships of stated dimensions should be yearly built.

July. Warrant for payment of a pension to Francis Gordon, in accordance with the letter of Sec. Conway, 1626, *June* 28. [*Docquet.*]

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August 1. Whitehall. 1. Order of Council, approving of certain propositions made by the Duke of Buckingham for securing his Majesty's interests with respect to the traffic between Hamburgh and Spain, but ordering such propositions to be debated again at a special meeting of the Council.

August 1. Iselburg Leaguer. 2. Sir James Levingstone to Sec. Conway. Had obeyed his Majesty in conferring the company of Sir Wm. Heydon on his brother, Miles Heydon. Necessity the troops were in.

August 1. Cowes Castle. 3. Capt. Anthony Ersfield to Sec. Conway. Sends account of all vessels and mariners belonging to the Isle of Wight; 16 serviceable men had been pressed in the island for the fleet at Portsmouth, which bred much discontent. A freebooter of Flushing reports, that there are about 50 sail at the Groyne, but in great want of provisions. *Incloses,*

3. 1. *Certificate of ships and mariners belonging to the Isle of Wight.*

August 1. Chatham. 4. Capt. Phineas Pett to [Nicholas]. One of the pinnaces was ready to be launched, and the other in good forwardness. Recommends [Thos. Freind] for Boatswain.

August 1. Pendennnis Castle. 5. Capt. John Bonython to Nicholas. Sends Capt. Duppa's letter. Desires recompence for services done for the Duke at Falmouth, and recommends the bearer, instead of Wm. Romow, for Collector of the pollage or beaconage of that harbour. *Incloses,*

5. 1. *Capt. James Duppa to Nicholas. Had been beaten back to Falmouth by extremity of weather. Recapitulates the circumstances of his capture of the Dutch ship at Helford, and complains of the conduct of Randoll, the Duke's officer. Has been informed that the Spaniards cannot set out their fleet for want of provisions.* 1626, *July* 30.

August 1. 6. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. The Great Neptune had returned; she was a ship of too great draught for the Narrow Seas. Recommend that she should be sent instead of the Hector, with the fleet for the South.

August 1. 7. The same to Buckingham. Report the present state of ships intended for the Narrow Seas. Recommend that the Assurance should be sent to the Elbe. The St. Andrew is at Bristol with 200 men aboard.

August 1. 8. Justices of co. Hertford to Sec. Coke. They had received a unanimous answer from six specified hundreds in their county, that they were willing to contribute by way of subsidy in a Parliamentary manner, but not in the way solicited.

August 1. 9. Examination of Anne Maynard, servant to John de Caille, in whose house various altar furniture had been seized by a pursuivant.

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August 1. Powderham. 10. Sir Wm. Courtenay, Vice Warden of the Stannaries, to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. They were afraid to assemble the forces in the Stannaries on account of the infection. *Incloses,*

10. 1. *Certificate of places infected.*

August 1. 11. Bond of Alexander Ramsey, Doctor of Medicine, and George Ramsey, in 200*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Alexander Ramsey before the Council, if required.

August 1. 12. Victual necessary for 80 sailors serving in the Golden Cock, for five months.

August 1. 13. Petition of John Power, a poor blind gentleman, to the King. Prays for payment of his pension granted by Queen Elizabeth.

August 1. 14. Petition of James Ballantine, a corporal, to Buckingham :— Has served since the going forth of the fleet without pay ; prays that, like some who are his fellow corporals, he may be promoted to a company.

August 1. The Downs. 15. Thos. Askew, Captain of the Desire, Henry Dunning, and Roger Barton to Buckingham. Report the proceedings of the Desire and two ketches. Chase of Dunkirkers, one of whom escaped into Calais, and the other into Gravelines. Stay of two Hollanders, one of which had no papers.

August 2. 16. Examination of Thos. Drewe, Constable of Stoke Newington, as to persons who resorted to the house wherein Mrs. Anne Plumtree dwells.

August 2. Yarmouth. 17. Capt. Lewis Powell to Buckingham. Reports his proceedings as safeguard of the fishermen. Attack upon him by two ships whom he repelled and chased for 24 hours. He was going in search of them, the bailiffs of Yarmouth having supplied him 10 days beer.

August 2. Yarmouth. 18. The same to Nicholas. Entreats him to hasten provisions ; they can hardly get any supplies there to save men's lives.

August 2. Arwenack. 19. Sir John Killigrew to Nicholas. Fears that Capt. Duppa's second letter which he transmitted had been detained. Vindicates Capt. Duppa in his capture of the Dutch freebooter, and writes strongly in his general commendation.

August 2. Dover. 20. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. He had stayed two Frenchmen who were crossing clandestinely, and sent examinations, and also letters found upon them Sir John states in a postscript, that one of the Frenchmen was so angry that he had allowed him to come to London. *Incloses,*

20. 1. *Examinations of Daniel Lillystone, whom the Frenchmen hired to take them from Gravesend to Calais for 5l. ; and also of Cruttey, servant to M. l'Eveque de Mende* [*M. le Veck Demaund*], *and of Barnaville, servant to the Postmaster of Calais, being the persons detained.*

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August 2. Canterbury. 21. Sir John Hippisley and Sir Geo. Newman to Buckingham. At his request they certify what are his rights within the Cinque Ports with respect to things found jetsam, flotsam, and ligan, with an account of their proceedings in reference to a claim made by the States for anchors and cables lost in the Downs.

August 2. Thetford. 22. Justices of Norfolk to the Council. Had urged the proposal of a free gift to his Majesty on the county assembled at the Assizes. Time had been desired to make answer. At the next meeting they would urge what had been commanded in their Lordships' last letters.

August 2. Pendennis. 23. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. News brought by Wm. Lucas of preparations at Santander; 70 sail of galleons and 80 sail of pataches, making all haste. The want of means of defence at Penryn and Truro. At Pendennis there are but 50 men, who can hardly discharge the ordinary work of sentinels. Beseeches Lord Conway to consider the representations he has frequently made of the present estate they are in at the fort. If a supply be sent they shall want cannoniers.

August 2. Truro. 24. Mayor of Falmouth and Capt. John Bonython to the Council. In answer to the Council's letter for fortifying Falmouth. They describe the situation of the town. Its safety depended on the castles of Pendennis and St. Mawes, the condition of which they strongly represent.

August 2. Donington. 25. Henry Earl of Huntingdon to Robert Lord Willoughby, Lord Great Chamberlain. Recommends to his notice Mr. Smith, a serjeant in Lord Willoughby's regiment, who had been employed in exercising the Trained Bands in Leicestershire.

August 3. Thetford. 26. Dep. Lieuts of Norfolk to the Council. Certify their proceedings with reference to the military condition of the county. Do not need the serjeants, having old soldiers pensioned by the county who are able to instruct the Trained Bands. Moving the country at this time to contribute towards the ship to be set forth at Lynn would be an impediment to the question of supply. Lynn has 1,000*l.* a-year in lands, and might well perform the service without assistance.

August 3. Portsmouth. 27. Capt. Richard Gyffard to Nicholas. There are great obstacles to the proceeding of the fleet. The men run away almost as fast as they are sent down. All things are so out of order that he cannot see almost any possibility for the whole fleet to go to sea for a long time.

August 3. Portsmouth. 28. Commissioners appointed to survey the provisions for the present fleet to Buckingham. Much of the provision is defective, and much is wanting. The ships have been ready these eight days, but only certain insufficient quantities of beer, biscuit, beef, pork, and fish had arrived. The men complain of the defective weight of their beef, and threaten to forsake the service if not relieved. They will be satisfied if allowed half a pint of pease a day, which the Commissioners think reasonable.

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August 3. Porkington. 29. John Hanmer, Bishop of St. Asaph, to Sec. Conway. Requests his letter to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland in behalf of an aunt of the Bishop's, who has a suit in the Court of Chancery there.

August 3. Whitehall. 30. Sir Benjn. Rudyerd to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. Earls of Bridgewater, Salisbury, and Dorset sworn Privy Councillors; Sir John Savile shortly to be so for his service in Parliament. On Tuesday, the Queen's French attendants were suddenly commanded to depart the Court; the Queen takes the act very passionately, but having prevailed for the return of her nurse is reasonably pacified. Persons who are to be appointed of her Household. Lords Carlisle and Holland sworn of the King's Bedchamber; Lord Pembroke made Lord Steward and Lord Montgomery Lord Chamberlain.

August 4. Dover Castle. 31. Sir John Hippisley to the Council. Result of a search in the storehouses of Michael Bourley. Imputes various frauds to Bourley, respecting 40,000 Spanish ryals remitted to Lewis Van Damme, of London, and other prize goods. [*Indorsed is Sir John Coke's minute of an answer from the Council. All the parties to be proceeded against.*]

August 4. Dover Castle. 32. The same to Nicholas. Sends his brother's letter, and begs some order may be taken for the man. Prays favour for Capt. Burden. Wants to know what Mr. Wyan says to the Admiral's book. Had heard the goods from Portsmouth passed by Dover to London; meant to have got the King 2,000*l.* out of them. *Incloses,*

32. 1. *Capt. Richard Hippisley to his brother Sir John at Bushey Park. His outfit had cost* 240*l. Misconduct of Randoll, the Duke's Marshal, with reference to a ship brought by the writer into Mount's Bay. Randoll seized the ship, sold the iron in her, and "when he put the broad arrow on her" released six of the prisoners. Truro.* 1626, *July* 12.

August 4. 33. Certificate by the Justices of Kingston-upon-Thames, that Alexander Colville had taken the oath of allegiance.

August 4. 34. Mons. de Caille, Treasurer to the Queen, to Justice Long. A house having been taken, in his name and for his use, of Sir Wm. Torrie, has been visited by the King's officers, who have seized some "church stuff," and brought his servant before the Justice, by whom she had been committed; requests the liberty of his servant, and the restitution of his goods.

[August 4?] 35. Petition of Richd. Holland and Amy his wife to the Council. Pray for release out of custody. The suggestions preferred against them by one Butler, are false and malicious.

August 5. 36. The Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Importance of appointing a Muster-master to go with the fleet, and recommendation of William Pease for the appointment.

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August 5. 37. Jane Lady St. John to Sec. Conway. Being advised by her physicians to go to the Bath, she prays the King's licence, being a recusant convict and not allowed to pass above five miles from her house.

August 5. Deal Castle. 38. Capt. Wm. Byng to Nicholas. Thanks for his favour in his fair coming off in "this business." [*See* 1626, *July* 3, *Vol.* xxxi. *No.* 9.] Hopes to hear from him respecting an assessment made on the garrison by the parishioners. Quarrel in Deal between two Dutchmen, in which one stabbed the other, and escaped aboard his ship.

August 5. Durham Castle. 39. Bishop Neile of Durham to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord President. The Mayor of Newcastle having desired the Bishop to join with him and others to direct the building of a fort near Tynemouth, he requests further instructions and authority. The advice of "one old Thomas, an engineer," has been directed to be taken. If he be not to be had, Sir Wm. Bowyer "the old soldier and Captain of Berwick" may stand them in good stead.

August 5. Audley-End. 40. Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to the Council. Incloses copy of letter from the Dep. Lieuts. of co. Dorset, and begs instructions how to answer. *Incloses,*

40. I. *Dep. Lieuts. of co. Dorset, to Theoph. Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieut. Report the general state of the troops, arms, and ammunition of the county, and desire permission to make various minute changes. Beg for payment of* 116*l.* 14*s.*, *coat and conduct money expended in May* 1625. 1626, *July* 27.

August 5. 41. Justices of co. Berks to the Council. Had done all they could to prevail on the country respecting the voluntary gift to his Majesty, but they all with one voice cried out that their bodies and goods were ready to do his Majesty service, but that they would depart with no money, except it were granted in a Parliamentary way.

August 5. Clerkenwell. 42. George Longe to Sec. Coke. Had delivered to the messenger the stuff mentioned in the inventory [the altar ornaments and utensils found in the house of Mons. de Caille], and also a letter brought him by a clerk of Mons. de Caille.

August 5. 43. Petition of Thos. Marsh, in behalf of himself and the other shipwrights at Chatham, [above 300 persons], to Buckingham:—Pray for their wages, having had neither meat, drink, nor wages allowed for seven months; if not paid, extreme want will compel them to leave his Majesty's work.

August 6. Dover Castle. 44. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Wishes the John and Fortune may go for advice with letters of marque. As the case now stands, neither the Duke nor he has any pay for the ship from the King, nor has the Captain had any pay at all. Sends his uncle to take out letters of marque.

August 6. Yarmouth. 45. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Council. The Dunkirkers had taken and sunk six fishing vessels on the coast off Whitby. The herring fishing is at hand. Pray that the seas may be scoured.

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August 7. The Savoy. 46. Wm. Earl of Northampton to Thomas Meautys. Requests to have the map of Milford Haven, and the book thereunto belonging. He will prepare others for the Council.

August [7.] 47. Note on the expediency of fortifying Milford Haven. Three forts suggested to be built there at an expense of 3,000*l.*

August 7. Weymouth [Vuemue] Road. 48. M. de Salleneuve to Nicholas. His obligations to Nicholas and devotion to the Duke. The persons who lay claim to the stayed and sequestered silver are all people set up to defeat the Lord Admiral. Hopes to sail with the St. Nicholas on the morrow. Fr.

August 7. 49. Petition of John Argall, Marshal of the Duke of Buckingham's regiment, to the Duke:—Sir Thos. Love paid him 6*l.* on account of his pay for 10 months; prays that he may be paid the remainder, 27*l.* 10*s.*

August 7. 50. Petition of Inhabitants of the Cinque Ports to the same:—Pray that the two ships to be furnished by the Ports may be employed in guarding their coast; also, that they may appoint the Captains and officers, and have letters of marque.

August 7. Hereford. 51. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Hereford to [Wm. Earl of Northampton, Lord Lieut.]. Report the military condition of their county, and solicit further instructions.

August 7. 52. Points of inquiry by the Commissioners of the King's revenue, with reference to the state of the Household, as compared with what it was in the 14th and 16th James I.

August 7. Portsmouth. 53. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. The fleet wants near 1,000 men; many men have lately run away. Sees no possibility for the fleet to go to sea in any short time. Capt. Bayle had brought a warrant from the Lord Treasurer to Owen Jennings, for delivery of goods taken in the pink. The warrant not liked because the Duke's hand was not to it.

August 7. 54. Sir John Wolstenholme to the same. Mr. Askew, master of the Desire, is clear concerning the transportation of goods from Dover to Calais, although some of his servants have offended.

August [7.] 55. Bishop of Mende and others of the Queen's French servants to the King. Beg payment of their pensions and wages, and of the money they have lent the Queen within the last eight months, during which she has not received her income, without which they cannot obey the command to withdraw.

August 8. York House. 56. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant to press 50 mariners for the Vanguard.

August 8. Haverfordwest. 57. Justices of co. Pembroke to the Council. The gentry and subsidy men excused themselves from presenting a voluntary supply to his Majesty, on account of the extraordinary burdens resting upon them and their diminished means; they added, that it had ministered no small comfort to their hearts, if, by course of Parliament, this supply had been added to their former burden, although thereby they had ever so much wanted.

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August 8. 58. Commissioners of the Duke of Buckingham's Admiralty Droits to the Duke. They advise that Henry Garraway be joined with the Duke's officers, George Fielding, Richard Dyke, and Richard Kerry, to value and sell the Duke's part of a prize taken by Sir Wm. Courteen under letters of marque.

August 8. Gloucester. 59. Justices of co. Gloucester to the Council. The country made one unanimous answer to the proposal for a voluntary gift to his Majesty, that they submit themselves and their estates to be disposed of by his Majesty by way of Parliament.

August 8. Ipswich. 60. Edwd. Nuttall to Nicholas. Cannot find that any one had spoken against the Duke in Ipswich, except a minister in his sermon. He said that the breaking of the Parliament was done by a great person, and if so, he desired that God would cut him off in time. The town is clear of harbouring thought of ill against the Duke, and the minister is a plain man, whose tongue outran his wit.

August 8. 61. Wm. Dye and Henry Jelf to Buckingham. Request that the latter may supply the place of the former as Gunner in the Triumph, during the present voyage.

[August 8.] 62. Rewards given to the French servants of the Queen on their being sent away, besides jewels; they amount to 8,260*l.*

August [8.] 63. Sir Thos. Edmondes and Sir Henry Vane to Sec. Conway. Although Lord Conway has reason to believe that the books claimed by Father Sancy do not belong to him, his Lordship is requested to consider whether, as Father Sancy pretends to own them, it is not fit at this time of their dismissal not to stand on terms of severity with them.

August 9. Chatsworth. 64. Wm. Earl of Devonshire to the Council. Reports the general military condition of the co. of Derby. Scruples tendering the oath of supremacy to the Trained Band. John Draycote appointed Provost Marshal.

August 9. Chatsworth. 65. The same to the same. Having been informed that John Bloodworth, a silkman, of London, and Leonard Gill, were manufacturing large quantities of shot at a place called Greenhill in that county, conceiving there might be matter of greater consequence in it, he had examined Gill and his workman Tooke, and reported the same to the Council. *Incloses,*

65. 1. *Examination of Leonard Gill, of Norton.* 1626, *July* 22.

August [10.] 66. Wm. Viscount Wallingford to Sec. Conway. The Dep. Lieuts. report it as a thing impossible to send [in case of emergency] 3,000 armed men out of the county of Berks; they have but 1,000 armed men in the whole county, and these are the Trained Bands. Arms cannot be obtained; and if they could be, they have no money. Soldiers cannot be kept together without money; therefore, if it should happen that the Trained Bands should be called to any place without the shire, Lord Wallingford begs that they may carry with them one month's pay at the least.

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August 10. Canterbury. 67. Sir Henry Vane to Sec. Conway. French news received by the Bishop of Mende. The King of France is at Nantes. The courier met Lord Carleton about two stages on this side Nantes; Count de Tillieres, two posts afterwards; and the Bishop's courier, two posts behind him. The French are confident that Count de Tillieres and the courier will arrive and see the King before Lord Carleton. Shall be at Dover on the morrow early. If all be ready this wind will put them soon over. Whether Sir Henry gets thanks or not for his employment, he is certain that he has learned patience.

August 10. Deal Castle. 68. Thomas Fulnetby to Nicholas. Cannon promises to pay the 15*l.*; and complains that Sir John Hippisley prefers Dibbs before him, which is contrary to his authority received from the Duke.

August 10. Tehidie. 69. Francis Bassett, Vice Admiral of the North parts of Cornwall to Buckingham. Has sent to Mr. Nicholas a list of the mariners on the North coasts of Cornwall. There is no ship belonging to any of those ports, only three barks, the biggest not above 20 tons.

August 10. Tehidie. 70. The same to Nicholas. Sends return above mentioned. His devotion to the Duke and Nicholas. *Incloses,*

70. I. *List of mariners above-mentioned.*

August 10. 71. Capt. Thos. Porter to Nicholas. Had made choice of John Byrd for his Lieutenant in the Convertive.

August 10. 72. Receipt of Sir Wm. Russell for a book of Capt. John Pennington's disbursements in making ready the fleet at Plymouth; and also for the ships of Mons. de Soubise, amounting to 3,340*l.*

August 10. 73. John Brigge, the Minister, and the Churchwardens of St. Botulph-without-Aldgate to [the Council]. Certificate that Thos. Coxe, son of Wm. Coxe, had been brought up in the Established Church.

August 10. 74. Masters and owners of ships lately employed in his Majesty's service to Buckingham. Pray that they may join in appointing men to measure their ships. The taking their ships to serve again without their knowing what they shall have for past service, alienated their desires from his Majesty's service.

August 11. Winchester. 75. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Hants to Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. Report their proceedings and the military condition of their county. Shall be able to make good account of their arms, if Lord Conway would procure them, as he had promised, 40 horse arms and pairs of pistols from the Low Countries. *Inclose,*

75. I. *Return of such as made default at the Musters.*

August 11. Flyborough. 76. Capt. F. Ledyard to Sir Wm. Heydon, Lieut. of the Ordnance. Ships in the Elbe in want of provisions. Has sent home four Danish ships bound for Spain, taken under circumstances which he explains. Meditated attack of the Hamburghers on the fleet. Various intelligence respecting proceedings of the Kings of Denmark and Sweden.

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August 11. York House. 77. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington, Rear Admiral of the fleet prepared for the southward. Instructions; Whilst the rest of the fleet is making ready, he is to repair to Portsmouth, and, with his own ship and another of his Majesty's and about 8 merchant ships, is to proceed to sea, and scour the Channel of all pirates.

August [11.] 78. Notes of "business despatched at the Council Board this last week," i.e., from the 8th to the 11th August. The entries relate principally to the dismissal of the Queen's French attendants, the reprehension of the city of London for refusing to set out the ships required of them, their subsequent partial submission, the rejection of the proposal of free quarter between England and Spain, and the payment of the troops at Plymouth.

August 11. 79. Capt. Wm. Driver to Nicholas. Justifies himself against complaints of Mr. Burton. 27 or 28 sail of ships bound for Spain are coming down the Elbe, and give out that they will force a passage. Intelligence of the progress of the war in Germany. Count Mansfeldt reinforced by a body of "Cossicks" sent by Bethlem Gabor.

August 11. Plymouth. 80. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. A Dutch fleet bound for France had arrived in that harbour, and brought the information inclosed. *Incloses,*

80. I. *Examination of Adrian Johnson and John Plugg, who had heard that* 60 *sail of galleons had gone to sea from Cadiz and St. Lucar, and that* 40 *others were ready to sail from Lisbon.*

August 11. 81. Petition of surgeons pressed into the fleet to the Duke of Buckingham:—On their former petition [*see* 1626, *July, No.* 109,] an allowance was made of 10*l.* for every surgeon to provide physic, and 7*l.* 10*s.* imprest money to be disposed of by the company of surgeons, Mr. Wooddall had consequently provided such medicines as were only suited to his own practice; they pray that every surgeon may receive his own 17*l.* 10*s.*

August 11. 82. Certificate of Joshua Downing, Phineas Pett, and six others in favour of Thos. Sevorne, for Boatswain of one of the pinnaces then building.

August 12. Middle Temple. 83. Richard Hadsor to Sec. Conway. Sends information of preparations in Flanders under the titular Earl of Tyrconnell and Tyrone his son. The Irish regiment ordered to be ready for service.

August 12. Rochester. 84. Justices of the Peace for the North Division of the Lathe of Aylesford, co. Kent, to the Council. Had endeavoured to advance the business of a voluntary gift, but some of the people had forborne to attend, some refused to give at all, and some few offered half a subsidy, which was refused. The offers accepted amount only to 70*l.*, a subsidy being above 160*l.*

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August 12. Hamburgh, River in Flyborough Roads. 85. John Hide, Master of the Nonsuch, to Nicholas. Reports his proceedings in the Elbe, and entreats reinforcements and money. Intelligence of the operations carried on by Count Mansfeldt. A body of "Cassocks," a people "very expert in martial discipline," sent to his assistance by Bethlem Gabor. Answer of the Boors of Germany to the demand of the Emperor, who had seduced them into war.

August 12. Flyborough. 86. Capt. F. Ledyard, John Hide, and Capt. Wm. Driver to the Commissioners of the Navy. Had sent home four Danish ships laden with timber, and earnestly solicit reinforcements and money.

August 12. 87. Petition of Robert Thomson, the King's servant, and Doctor for the English tongue, to the King:—Had served the late King for 37 years. Thanks for the continuance of his allowance. Prays that he may have his horse-livery as before.

August 12. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 88. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. On the 1st inst., the Dunkirkers captured one Holland and two English fishing vessels, which they sunk, with a ship of Hull. They are still believed to be on the coast.

August 12. 89. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. The St. Mary is ready to be launched. Recommend that she should be sent to sea with a letter of marque, the King only venturing the ship; if so, covenants should be drawn between the King and the venturers.

August 12. Poplar. 90. Commissioner Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. The Carpenter of the Triumph being too ancient for the present service, it is recommended that James Robins of the Garland may supply his place, and Robert Boynes be appointed to the Garland.

August 12. 91. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Anthony Crosier for master and commander of one of the new pinnaces at Chatham.

August 12. Canbury. 92. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. Wishes that the bill for an amphitheatre (*see* 1626, *July* 8, *No.* 36,) may stand over, until he can refer to his papers respecting a similar proposal made three or four years ago, when he was Attorney General.

August 12. 93. Copy of the same.

August 12. Canbury. 94. The same to the same. Sufficiently recovered to be able to attend the Lords at their next meeting. Would take order to satisfy his request for Sir John Conway.

August 12. 95. Petition of Wm. Smith, one of the Duke of Buckingham's watermen, to the Duke:—Prays for release of Isaac Smith his son, pressed for the fleet.

August 12 Nonsuch. 96. Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain, to Wm. Boreman, the King's Locksmith. Too much liberty having been given for making keys of his Majesty's privy lodgings at Whitehall,

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he is to take off the locks, and make them in such sort that the former double keys may be quite shut out, but without interfering with the King's, Queen's, and Lord Chamberlain's treble keys. [*Copy.*]

[August 12?] 97. Minutes, by Nicholas, of motions to be made by the Duke of Buckingham at a meeting of the Council of War.—That 2,000*l.* of money received for prize goods at Dover be allowed for repair of the three castles in the Downs, the forts at Dover, and Sandgate Castle; for increase of pay for the sea-captains that went to Cadiz, the ordinary allowance being but 2*s.* 6*d.* per diem; those who went to Algiers were allowed 10*s.* per diem for King's ships, and 6*s.* 8*d.* for merchants; also, for allowance to the surgeons in the fleet now fitting out, according to their petition [*see* 1625, *August* 11, *No.* 81. *On the back of the same paper are Nicholas's notes of the proceedings of the Council of War, in which several of the above matters and various others were determined.*]

August 12. 98. Duke of Buckingham's coachman, grooms, sumptermen, and farrier to the Duke. Since Lady Day, 1625, they have not received any wages, boardwages, or layings out. They are out of all means and credit, and not having had either clothes or liveries are now "worn out of shift, and not in fit case" to do the Duke any service; this being far from his Grace's good inclination, they pray him to take some such special course as that they may pay their debts.

August 13. The Downs. 99. Capt. Geo. Alleyne to Buckingham. That morning they landed the French Bishop and all the ladies in Calais. The English in Calais were all detained. Traffic between Calais and Spain. If victualled they might do good service. If he had not bought victuals with his own money, he could not have gone over to Calais with "these French."

August 13. 100. Sir Henry Goodere to the King. Prays to be admitted a Gentleman Usher of the Queen's Privy Chamber. Desires only meat, drink, and lodging, with some dignity, in that place where he had spent most of his time and estate.

August 13. Nonsuch. Proclamation to declare his Majesty's pleasure to ascertain his revenue by granting his lands in fee-farm. Commissioners were appointed, to whom all persons desirous to purchase were to apply at the Painted Chamber on September 20. [*Coll. Procs. Car.* I., *No.* 49.]

August 14. Westminster. 101. The King to the Council. Having resolved to borrow money of his subjects, and letters having been sent to the Lord Lieutenants to certify the names of persons of ability to lend, and what sums should be required, the Council from such certificates or otherwise are to make out lists of such persons, and to send the same to the Earl of Worcester, Keeper of the Privy Seal, who is thereupon to issue letters under the Privy Seal. The Council are also to appoint collectors.

August 14. 102. Copy of the preceding.

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August 14. The Tower. 103. Certificate of Ralph Hastings, that Thos. Coxe had taken the oath of allegiance.

August 14. The Hague. 104. Wm. Colville to Sec. Conway. Sends twenty cuirasses at forty guilders each, the same number of pairs of pistols at twenty-four guilders, and of cases at four guilders.

August 14. 105. Commissioner Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Again recommends James Robins for Master Carpenter of the Triumph.

August 14. 106. Receipt of Wm. Swayne for 3*l.* 10*s.*, paid by the Duke of Buckingham for his hazard and care, amongst others, in bringing home the Turkish ship the Heart's Desire.

August 14. 107. Petition of Citizens of Bristol to the Council:—Their two-third parts of the charge of setting forth two ships to sea will amount to 1,600*l.*, which is more than they can bear, considering the recent loss of fifty ships taken and cast away, and the stoppage of trade with Spain. They pray that the counties of Somerset and Gloucester may bear more than the one third laid upon them, and that Worcester, Shrewsbury, Tewkesbury, and Cardiff may contribute.

August 15. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and Sir Richd. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer. To find out particulars for raising 5,000*l.*, to be paid to Sir Robert Douglas on surrender of his pensions. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 254.]

[August 15?] 108. Minute of information sent by Dudley Lord Carleton and Balthazar Gerbier to Sec. Coke and Sir John Hippisley, respecting the passage of four large French ships built in the Low Countries from the Texel into France. They would be ready to sail in three weeks from July 28. The King's pleasure was desired as to whether they should not be intercepted.

August 15. Lewes. 109. Justices of Sussex to the Council. Having moved the people to make a voluntary gift to the King, they generally answered that their wants and poverty were such, that they were not willing to give as required, but that in a Parliamentary course they would strain themselves beyond their abilities. Some have expressed more forwardness, but not to an amount exceeding in the whole 120*l.*

August 15. 110. Certificate by Sir Allen Apsley of what brewers were reported by the Commissioners appointed to survey the victuals at Portsmouth, for having brewed bad beer.

August 15. Bodmin. 111. Dep. Lieuts. of Cornwall to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Report generally on the military condition of the country. It is in much readiness, and well ordered to attend the worst adventure that may befal.

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August 15. Littleton. 112. Frances Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox to her "honourable cousin" Sec. Conway. Entreats him to procure the King's signature to bills for payment of the arrears of her pension, and for the continuance thereof. The bills are in the hands of the Duke of Buckingham who undertook to present them to the King.

[August 15.] 113. Account of monies disbursed for the Fortune [*sic*], a pirate ship of Sallee, seized for the Lord Admiral's use, and brought home by Capt. Mason out of Ireland; total, 51*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

August 15. 114. Receipt for 51*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, charges of Capt. John Mason concerning the Heart's Desire.

August 15. [Hull.] 115. Capt. Jo. Hagthorpe to Nicholas. Reports a fruitless cruise but safe convoy of the Hull ships into Holland. Solicits a supply of beer.

August 15. 116. Certificate of Sir Thos. Love and Raleigh Gilbert of the sufficiency of Capt. Nicholas Thornburgh.

August 15. Pendennis. 117. Capt. John Bonython to Sir Robt. Killigrew. His cousin Capt. Thos. Bonython had found a ship of Hamburgh deserted at sea, and had brought her into Helford. Had written to Sec. Coke that Thos. Bonython might have the half usually allowed to those who find wreck. Begs his immediate presence. [*Copy.*]

August 15. St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. 118. Order of Secs. Conway and Coke, that Henry Billingsley and his servants should forbear to meddle with the transport or postage of foreign letters until the cause between Mathew de Quester and the said Henry Billingsley be adjudged. [*Printed.*]

[August 15.] 119. Petition of Martha Powell, alias Harman, to the Council, complaining of John Price, who, being indebted to the petitioner, violently resisted legal officers sent to execute process upon him. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Attorney General, and on the back his report, recommending that Price should be sent for by a Serjeant-at-Arms.* 1626, *Aug.* 29.] *Annexed,*

119. I. *Affidavit of Jenkin Roberts.* 1624, *June* 2.

119. II. *The like of Edward Archer.* 1625, *April* 19.

119. III. *The like of George Holmes.* 1626, *Jan.* 13.

August 16. 120. Survey of all the ships and seamen belonging to places within the co. Chester, taken by Sir Wm. Massie, Deputy Vice Admiral to the Earl of Derby.

August 16. Chatham. 121. Capt. Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Requests order for the launch and name of one of the pinnaces; the other will be ready in a fortnight. Solicits employment for his son.

August 16. Whitehall. 122. Warrant for apprehension of Fathers Fisher, Richardson, Anderson, Watson, and Dallye, Jesuits and seminary priests. [*Unsigned.*]

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August 16. 123. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Want of repair of the Garland. The Great Neptune, the Entrance, Mary Rose, the Adventure, St. Claude, and St. George fit for service as soon as provisioned.

August $\frac{16}{26}$ Constantinople. 124. Eleanor Lady Roe to [Sec. Conway?]. Thanks for procuring the renewal of her pension. Hopes God, by his good help, will shortly bring her to her country.

August 16. 125. Wm. Viscount Mansfield to Sec. Conway. Private information that in Nottinghamshire the "Muscatires" were reasonably well, but for pikes or corslets there were not above six in the whole shire right as they should be.

August 17. 126. The same to the same. Had sent a certificate of the Musters to the Council, and had taken upon his own credit to supply the deficiencies of co. Nottingham. Will do his uttermost to procure a benevolence from the county, but thinks they will be governed by ill precedents and factions, the dregs of the last Parliament.

August 17. Belvoir. 127. Francis Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Having been charged to levy money in that county, towards furnishing a ship at Boston, he had consulted divers gentlemen thereon. In their opinion such a demand was strange and unusual. The Earl's cousin, Lord Conway's son, would explain the feeling of the country.

August 17. Belvoir. 128. The same to the Council. Sends a certificate of the Musters and general military condition of the Divisions of Kesteven and Holland, in co. Lincoln. The Captains want the printed directions for exercising their men; and the country affords few carriages but wains, which were too slow for use. Their soldiers should number 1,800.

August 17. 129. Sir Clement Cottrell to Buckingham. Sends return of ships and seamen within his Vice Admiralty of co. Lincoln.

August 17. York House. 130. Buckingham to the Commissioners of the Navy. Capt. John Seymour, having been employed in the late fleet as Captain of the Cameleon, is recommended for payment, after the rate of 2*s.* 6*d.* per diem.

August 17. Chesterfield. 131. Wm. Earl of Devonshire, and others, Justices of co. Derby, to the Council. Had endeavoured to prevail with the county concerning the raising of money for a free gift to his Majesty, but only 20*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* had been contributed by the county, with 91*l.* by the Justices. Deemed these amounts too small to render it necessary to appoint a collector. *Annexed.*

131. 1. *Certificate of the answers returned by the several hundreds. The general answer was that they denied to give any thing unless by way of Parliament.*

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August 17. Canbury. Letters patent granting licence to the Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, to erect mills and manufacture gunpowder within the counties of Surrey, Kent, and Sussex. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 13.]

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[August 18?] 1. List of papers to be signed by the King; amongst them are letters to the Council to give warrant for Privy Seals, Lord Wallingford's creation as Earl of Banbury, and a Privy Seal for 1,000*l.* to Mr. Burlamachi, by him disbursed to Mr. Acton for New Years's gifts

August 18. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a commission for Robt. Earl of Sussex to be Lieutenant of Essex. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 254.]

August 18. Exeter. 2. Simon Snowe, and four others, to Thos. Pengelly. Many persons are ready to depose that the Dutch skipper was restrained [by Capt. Crosse]. Since the skipper's departure his goods have been divided, and Mr. Drake and his sons have bought the men's shares at low rates.

August 18. The Tower. 3. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends Wm. Brisenden for further employment as Purser.

August 18. Loughborough. 4. Justices of co. Leicester to the Council. Had endeavoured to do his Majesty service respecting a voluntary supply, and had themselves agreed to give to the extent of four subsidies; but of the people, most cried for a Parliament, some pretended want, and divers the pressure of other payments.

August 19. London. 5. Sir W. Courteen to Sir Robt. Pye. Reasons why he cannot advance 2,000*l.* on a Privy Seal; since March last, he has paid 700*l.* for customs.

August 19. Chatham Dock. 6. Captain Joshua Downing to Nicholas. For Wm. Crampton to be Cook of the Triumph in place of George Morrock.

August 19. Ash. 7. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. Sends account of the business of the Dutch skipper, and an inventory of the Duke's part of the goods. Desires warrant for their sale. *Incloses,*

7. 1. *Edwd. Drake and John Drake to the Duke of Buckingham. The Ambassador of the States had complained of the capture of a ship of Rotterdam, Capt. Eewont Jansson. The ship had her lading from Norton, and was bound for "the Matharyes." The skipper had not been imprisoned.* 1626, *Aug.* 19.

7. 1. *Inventory before-mentioned, being of part of the goods of the St. Andrew, brought into Topsham, by Capt. Crosse.*

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August 20. Poole. 8. Examination of John Bartram and Thos. Dole, sailors of Poole, giving account of a fleet of pataches preparing at Passages and St. Sebastian for the invasion of England.

August 20. Howlett. 9. Sir Henry Palmer to Nicholas. Complains that his commission [of Vice Admiralty] differed from the Duke's promise, and was accompanied by an unkind message. His father served in the place 30 years. Begs that complaints of Capt. Alleyne may not be attended to in the absence of Capt. Tench.

August 20. From aboard the Esperanza. 10. Wm. Buxton to Nicholas. The ships in the Thames could not be hastened away, having neither men nor victuals. Sir Wm. Russell said that nothing could be done until he had money.

August 20. 11. Certificate from George Pitcher and three others, in favour of William Ellef for Gunner of one of the pinnaces newly built at Chatham. [*On other parts of the same paper is a memorandum by Sir William Heydon, that the Artillery Garden was instituted for the trial of Gunners, and that persons going thither would find the Master Gunner or himself on known days; with a further certificate of the Master Gunner* [*John Reynolds*] *of Ellef's competency.*]

August 21. Dover. 12. Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Buckingham. They had acquainted the Water-bailiff and Gaoler with the complaints against him for taking unreasonable fees, but he stands on his letters patent; eight indictments against him for that cause, and one for escape of a Romish priest. His duty requires personal attendance, but he has not been there for six months.

August 21. Chatham Dock. 13. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Thos. Cooke for Boatswain of the yard at Deptford, in place of ——— Nethersole.

August 21. Howlett. 14. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. The Garland had left for Portsmouth before the arrival of his Grace's letters. Begs, that against winter, the poor men in her may receive pay to provide apparel, or he shall lose most of them.

[August 21.] 15. Note of papers to be signed by the King, amongst them a warrant for 500*l.* for Sir Henry Vane, "employed for defraying the French;" a warrant to Sir Francis Wyat, late Governor in Virginia, of liberty to import 10,000 weight of tobacco, custom free; a grant to Henry Cogan, goldsmith, of the office of Comptroller of the Mint, in reversion after Richard Rogers.

August 22. London. 16. Sec. Conway to Nicholas. Recommends Wm. Bradshaw for employment in the fleet to be set forth by the City.

August 22. 17. Theoph. Earl of Suffolk to Buckingham. Sends letter from gentlemen of Suffolk. The people made a great clamour which the Earl sought to satisfy. Suggests to the Duke that he might write

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an answer, showing his particular care for the people's ease, of which the Earl would make the best advantage. *Incloses,*

17. 1. *Sir Martin Stuteville, and nine others, Gentlemen of Suffolk, to the Earl of Suffolk. The country assembled at Bury respecting the voluntary gift, answered the Earl with loud cries from the inhabitants near the sea coasts, that their ships were taken and fired in their havens before their faces, insomuch that they durst not look out of their ports. The gentlemen beg the Earl to take some course for redress.* 1626, *Aug.* 15. [*Copy.*]

August 22. 18. Separate examinations of Wm. Trill and Ellis Coffyn, respecting the secret departure of certain persons from Muddiford, co. Hants.

[August 22?] 19. Report of ——— Newall, respecting the above or some similar transaction.

August 23. Southampton. 20. Mayor and another of Southampton to Sec. Conway. A soldier imprisoned for wounding one of his fellows, and two others for desertion. Desire to know whether they should be tried by martial law or by common law.

August 23. 21. Exceptions against Sir John Townsend's proceedings for recovery of the manor of Pebworth, co. Gloucester, as concealed lands.

[August 23?] 22. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be propounded to the Council by the Duke of Buckingham:—That the Commissioners for sale of prize goods should deliver to Sir Allen Apsley the rice and sugar, for the sick men of the fleet; that no waterman should take an apprentice under 17 years of age; that the garrison of Deal Castle, or of any of his Majesty's castles, ought not to be assessed to parish rates.

August 24. East Dereham. 23. Justices of Norfolk to the Council. Some of the people will give more, and some less, to the voluntary gift, but most nothing, alleging reasons too long to trouble therewith their Lordships. All that had been offered did not amount to half a subsidy.

August 24. On board the Ann, of London, in the Downs. 24. Capt. Lewis Powell to Buckingham. Had cruised unsuccessfully in search of the Dunkirkers with whom he formerly fought. He is now in the Downs expecting orders. Has news that a great fleet of Spaniards had arrived at Brest. Three Dunkirkers had got out and gone to the North.

August 24. Portsmouth. 25. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Requests an order to transfer the sailors of the Garland to his own ship and squadron. Lord Denbigh's squadron was victualled and manned, and four ships of his squadron would be ready in 24 hours, if his sails and other provisions were sent from London. As soon as he can get a ship or two ready he will send them to the Wight, where there is a Dunkirk man-of-war doing spoil. The promised month's pay ought to be sent down, without it he should hardly get the sailors to weigh anchor.

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August 24. 26. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. For an order that ordnance be given to the owners of the Golden Star and the Falcon, of Schiedam, ships captured but adjudged to be restored, in lieu of their own ordnance which had been taken out for the King's service.

August 24. Plympton. 27. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Miserable calamity under which the country groans in having an army of soldiers sick and naked billeted upon them for 31 weeks, without supply of money or clothes. If the Commissioners do not receive comfortable answer by Sir George Chudleigh, they should be enforced to leave the service, unable to sustain the grievous clamour that besets them.

August 24. Portsmouth. 28. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. At least 1,000 men were wanted for the fleet. Seamen escape to the Isle of Wight, where they keep themselves in the day time in woods, and at night in secret places. The men should have reasonable content, and not be left to groan in extremities through want of necessaries, and should be severely punished for breach of discipline. Ships should be stationed at St Helens. Ships daily come there, whether Dunkirkers, Spaniards, or spies, and in a night may come in and fire the fleet.

August 25. 29. Receipt of James Marten for 10*l.*, paid by the appointment of the Duke of Buckingham.

August 25. Usk. 30. Justices of co. Monmouth to the King. The people being called together, utterly refused to pay the subsidies except they were granted by Act of Parliament. *Inclose,*

30. I. *The King to the Justices of co. Monmouth, being a copy of the letter of* 1626, *July* 7. *No.* 30.

August 26. Woodrising. 31. Sir Thos. Southwell to Buckingham. Sends certificate of the ships and seamen in his Vice Admiralty of Norfolk. *Incloses,*

31. I. *The certificate above-mentioned.*

August 26. Houlden. 32. Justices of the East Riding, co. York, to the Council. Some of the inhabitants within the divisions of Ouse, Derwent, and Houldenshire were willing to give after the rate of one subsidy, the greater number showed their unwillingness. A subsidy amounted to 118*l.*; the amount offered did not exceeed 41*l.*

August 26. 33. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend William Daws, for Boatswain of the Yard at Deptford.

August 26. 34. Commissioner Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Order given for calling in such ships as were out of service, and for the despatch of the four fire-ships and three pinnaces. State of the new pinnaces. Wm. Clifford recommended for master of one of them.

August 26. Pendennis. 35. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Having requested the Dep. Lieuts. to provision Pendennis against a sudden attack, Mr. Coryton spoke much against it, whereupon Bonython directed the companies assigned to attend there to bring in a proportion of victual. Desires to receive a discharge from Lord Conway or the Council.

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August 26. 36. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Lord Willoughby would be at Portsmouth very shortly, and would give order for transferring the men from the Garland. There was great need that ships should be got to sea to oppose the Dunkirkers, and intercept four ships gone from Calais for Spain. [*Draft.*]

August 26. Sarum. 37. Sir Laurence Hyde to Buckingham. To obtain for him the office of Queen's Attorney, which he held under Queen Anna. On the request of the Countess of Denbigh, the Duke had formerly moved his Majesty therein, but had not succeeded by reason of the competition of a French advocate who had now departed the realm.

August 27. Whitehall. Proclamation for all officers and mariners who are to serve in the King's fleet, to repair to Portsmouth. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 50.]

[August 27.] 38. Account rendered by Dame Elizabeth Morison, widow and executrix of Sir Wm. Harrington, of monies received and paid by him in his office of Lieutenant General of the Ordnance.

August 27. Portsmouth. 39. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Nicholas. Things go from better to worse. Sir Allen Apsley says the fleet shall be furnished with what concerns him in ten days, but he will be deceived. Gyffard never saw such confusion. Insufficient persons have employment through favour. The King cannot be well served; the Lord Admiral will be condemned; the whole kingdom dishonoured. The world speaks that which Gyffard is sorry to hear. Capt. Pennington prepares with all expedition to go to sea.

August 27. Kelsterne. 40. Francis South to the Council. Reports that, as directed, he proceeded to the premises of Michael Bland, where he found horse tobacco growing for medicine, and pipe tobacco about one tenth of an acre.

August 27. 41. Examination of John Emmes, a discoverer of priests and Jesuits and such as go to mass, giving account of various such persons, chiefly officers of the Queen's late Household or her trades people. [*In the handwriting of Sec. Coke.*]

August 28. Dissington. 42. Sir John Delavale, Deputy to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Vice Admiral of Northumberland, to the said Earl. Sends a list of fishermen residing in the Earl's Vice Admiralty. There were no ships therein; and the fishermen were poor labouring creatures, fishing in row-boats called "four-men cobles," each man having an oar. *Incloses,*

42. I. *Certificate before-mentioned.*

August 28. 43. List of parks appointed by the King to be disparked and improved.

August 28. 44. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Recommend John Browne to be Boatswain of the St. George.

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August 28. 45. Henry Hastings to the Council. He had been commanded to appear before their Lordships, but he stayed until he heard further, being fully assured that he had not given them any occasion to send for him. The warrant was directed to Hants, but he lived in Dorset, in the place of a Dep. Lieut.

August 28. Whitehall. 46. The Council of War to the Council. They represent the inconveniences and discredit likely to ensue from the want of pay of the regiments in the Low Countries, and of the recruits sent into Ireland.

August 28. 47. Opinion of Wm. Clarke concerning the right of the Lord Admiral to a ship taken by Sir Wm. Hull and Walter Ellis in Baltimore Road, and also respecting his right to an English ship which being pursued by an enemy was abandoned by her crew. [*Copy.*]

August 29. Herriard. 48. Dep. Lieuts. co. Southampton to Sec. Conway. Henry Cole, a defaulter at the Musters, had showed the required arms.

August 29. Todington. 49. Sir John Tracy to Sec. Conway. As directed he had examined John Ayres of Winchcombe, who denied that he had planted any tobacco, which appears to be true by the inclosed certificate. *Incloses,*

49. 1. *Bailiffs of Winchcombe to Sir John Tracy. They cannot hear nor find that John Ayres had grown any tobacco.*

August 29. Winterborne. 50. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edward Nicholas. On pecuniary arrangements in contemplation of Matthew's intended marriage.

August 29. Hague. 51. Wm. Colville to Sec. Conway. Had sent the arms by way of Amsterdam.

August 29. Portsmouth. 52. Capt. Richd. Gyffard to Buckingham. The Earl of Denbigh with his squadron had gone to sea. Capt. Pennington makes all haste to follow him. Gyffard and all the rest of the Admiral's squadron were using diligence to be ready on his arrival. The Marquess of Hamilton is not going this voyage as he intended. Gyffard had recommended to him some of his designs that he might urge them upon the Duke; that of three millions is strongly pressed upon the Duke for adoption.

August 29. 53. Wm. Earl of Denbigh to [Buckingham]. Had gone out of Portsmouth to Stokes Bay with the Lion, Convertive, Golden Cock, and Mary Rose. Wants sails, cordage, surgeons, and cheese, and the wants of the rest of the squadron are such that they cannot go to sea. Has displaced the Boatswain of the Convertive for mutiny.

August 29. Dover. 54. Peter Cannon to Nicholas. Apprising him that he has sent his accounts for the last year by Captain Hill. Is much opposed by Peter Dibbs.

August 29. 55. Similar letter inclosing the accounts.

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August 29. 56. Petition of Dr. Richard Hunt, Chaplain to the King:—Having surrendered his prebend in Canterbury Cathedral, on an intended exchange with Dr. Holt which was not completed, Dr. Hunt prays a confirmation of his title to his prebend. [*Underwritten is a direction to the Attorney General to prepare a bill for the King's signature accordingly.*]

August 29. Howlett. 57. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. Has heard that no order had yet been received for repairing or victualling the Garland. Begs that her men may not be turned over to Capt. Pennington.

August 29 Nettlested Hall. 58. Henry Dade to [Nicholas]. Had made a survey of all the mariners and ships within the Vice Admiralty of Suffolk, excepting Ipswich, Southwold, and Dunwich, which claimed to be exempt from the Lord High Admiral's jurisdiction.

August 29. Fulham. 59. Certificate of Sir Thos. Button in favour of Edward Jones, son of Capt. Jones, who was slain in the Crane, in Queen Elizabeth's time.

August 30. Ash. 60. E. Drake to the Duke of Buckingham. Three Low Country ships brought into Exmouth, as prizes by Capt. Crosse. They have the Prince of Orange's pass, but are believed to be bound for Spain.

August 30. 61. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Request order for the new pinnaces to be supplied with ordnance.

August 30. Chelmsford. 62. Justices of co. Essex to the Council. The country protest their affection to supply his Majesty for the defence of the kingdom, but the general desire is, that this should be done in a Parliamentary way.

August 30. 63. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. The four fire-ships and three pinnaces were rigged, and proceedings taken towards manning them. General report on the state of all the King's ships except those at Portsmouth, and what can be done therewith to save charges.

August 30. Ash. 64. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. The sugars amount to 673*l.* 10*s.* The three Flemish ships brought in by Capt. Crosse are of good burthen. The sugars at Bristol are sold, but the merchants beat down the price.

August 31. Westminster. 65. Form of letter from the King to every member of the Peerage. Observing the forwardness in contribution of the Justices of the Peace, the King, instead of sending a Privy Seal to the person addressed, proposed to him the way of gift. Expects the like argument of good affection from the nobility, and especially from the person addressed, as from the Justices.

August 31. 66. Petition of Arthur Swayne, of Middleborough, merchant, to Buckingham:—A ship-load of tobacco belonging to the petitioner having being driven into the Thames by stress of weather, and there seized, he prays that the same may be re-delivered.

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August 31. 67. John Palmer to Buckingham. Directing his attention to "Chutton Buney" and Bournemouth, two very weak places in the South parts of the kingdom.

August 31. Flyborough. 68. John Hide, Capt. F. Ledyard, and Wm. Driver to the Commissioners of the Navy. Had received 1,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, from George Witham. The great fleet of Hamburgh ships had come down the river to Flyborough, but treated the English ships very courteously, and submitted to be searched. Up to that time, no prohibited goods had been found in them.

[August 31.] 69. Account of proceedings in co. Buckingham, respecting the free gift to the King.

[August 31.] 70. Speech of [Sir Francis Goodwin] at the meeting at Stoney Stratford, co. Bucks, to consider of a free gift to his Majesty.

[August 31] 71. The Council to the Justices of co. Buckingham. Complaining of their neglect of directions sent to them respecting the free gift to the King. [*Incomplete draft.*]

August 31. 72. Petition of Romer Outtgersen of Enckhuysen to Buckingham:—Having conceived a means to redeem many hundred fighting men, kept as slaves at Sallee, he was directed by Sir Nicholas Saunders and Sir George Goring to attend the Duke for employment in that service; others being now employed to carry out his plan, he prays that he may go home, and be recompensed for his four months attendance.

[August ?] 73. Sir Nicholas Saunders to ——— Kendall. "My Lord" likes the project, but if the projector fires the ships in the haven of Sallee, will it not enrage the Turks to murder the captives there, of whom about 1,500 are English.

August. 74. Petition of Thomas Whatman to the Council:—The Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Henry Chitty received the order of the Council for Whatman's restoration to his office of Recorder of that city with contempt; prays they may be sent for to answer the same.

August 75. Deposition of Peter Cox as to the conduct of the Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Chitty above-mentioned.

August. 76. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Devon to Francis Lord Russell. Return a certificate of persons who may, with least inconvenience, lend the sums set against their names. The business will be irksome to the country as it has been unpleasing to the writers. They hope their diligence may not be a means to invite his Majesty to an often recourse to that kind of supply, but rather to those which for their antiquity and indifferency are more pleasing to his subjects.

August. 77. Jas. Earl of Carlisle to Sec. Conway. The King desires that he should frame a Committee of the Duke of Buckingham, the Lord Treasurer, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord President, and

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himself, to consider the Queen's debts and the manner of satisfying them. The incomparable virtues of the King work upon the generosity and goodness of the Queen, so that his Majesty shall shortly have the best wife in the world.

[August.] 78. Memoranda, principally relating to the defence of the Isle of Wight in case of invasion.

August. 79. Henry Earl of Manchester to Sec. Conway. Mr. Bradstreet, appointed to train the troops of co. Huntingdon, had found that place occupied. He desires to be employed in Buckinghamshire.

August. 80. Bishop Neile of Durham to the Council. Has himself taken a view of the Trained Bands. Certifies their condition, and that of the county generally.

August. 81. Close warrant commanding the immediate attendance of Sir Richd. Harpur. [*Unsigned.*]

[August ?] 82. Buckingham to ———. Reproving him for recommending Anthony Crosier, who for mutinous behaviour had been turned out of the Adventure. [*Draft.*]

[August ?] 83. Petition of Ensign Robert Smith on behalf of Peter Hone his Captain, being at Plymouth, to the Council of War:—The Serjeant Major's place in the Earl of Essex's regiment being vacant, prays that his Captain may be appointed thereto, adding a long detail of his fifty years services from the time of Sir Francis Vere to the last expedition to Cadiz.

[August ?] 84. Petition of John Preston to the Council:—Having been served with a warrant to appear before the Council for want "of furniture of sufficient arms," he states that, in consequence of his wife's recusancy, his arms were taken from him, and prays to know their Honours' pleasure therein.

[August ?] 85. Petition of owners and masters of ships belonging to Ipswich to the Council:—Twenty-four ships of Ipswich were taken up for the expedition to Cadiz, on each of which their owners expended from 80*l.* to 100*l.*, of which they cannot yet receive any part; many servants of the petitioners, who were pressed into the service, served for thirteen months, and received only 9*s.* 4*d.* per month; the Long Robert, one of the twenty-four ships, was lost with all hands, to the utter undoing of many poor mariners' wives and loss to the owners of 1,200*l.*, for which they have not received any recompence; hoped by the employment of their returned ships to have got some maintenance, but they dare not go to sea for fear of the Dunkirkers, who have taken two of their ships; for thirty years past twelve ships were built every year at Ipswich, but the trade has been stopped since Michaelmas last; pray for redress and the guarding of the coasts.

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[August ?] 86. A petition similar to the preceding, and addressed to the Council, but more fully expressed, and entitled, "The Grievances of the Owners and Masters of Ships of the Town of Ipswich, in the County of Suffolk." It is here stated with reference to the payment of 9*s.* 4*d.* per month above mentioned, that in the merchant service the wages for a common mariner were 25*s.* per month. They add that the ships then lying in the Orwell for fear of the Dunkirkers were fifty-eight in number, and that their fisheries to Iceland and the North Seas were given over. [*The paper is signed by* 67 *persons, and has been attested by the Corporation Seal.*] *Annexed,*

86. I. *List of fifty-eight ships which lie in the river of Ipswich, and dare not put forth to sea for fear of the Dunkirkers.*

[August ?] 87. Opinion of Lord Treasurer Marlborough, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Carlisle, and Lord Conway, appointed by the King to consult respecting the "Admarantascoe" pursued in France. They were of opinion that the project of that work was not only to master their own towns in possession of those of the Reformed religion, but also that it looked to the mastership of the Narrow Seas, which his Majesty's Crown had enjoyed for many ages, and which it was requisite for the King to take care of without delay. They suggest that Mr. Edward Clarke should be sent on a mission to France to keep up the hopes of the Reformed party. [*Copy.*]

[August ?] 88. Frances Lady Buggs to Sec. Conway. Thanks him for having sent for her poor child, and excuses the child's timidity which prevented her taking advantage of Lord Conway's offer to release her. Begs him to send for her again that afternoon.

[August ?] 89. The same to the same. The child's name is Eleanor. A poor gentlewoman will own the child, but is afraid of being committed. Begs that this poor gentlewoman may have it at once.

[August ?] 90. The same to the same. The name of the poor gentlewoman is Mrs. Banfelde; the child is in the new prison, and called Eleanor Banfelde.

[August ?] 91. The Council to the [Justices] of Kent, Sussex, Dorset, and Hants. Give directions concerning the quartering and government of soldiers to be removed into their counties from Plymouth.

[August ?] 92. Names of Commissioners for Martial Law in co. Hants.

[August ?] 93. Petition of John Chalk and Philip Payne, Sewers of the Chamber to the late Queen Anne, to Sec. Conway and the rest of the Commissioners for settling the Queen's Household:—Served for many years during the lifetime of the late Queen; and since the coming of the present Queen, have waited as before without allowance; pray that their names may be entered in the book of the Queen's Household to be signed by the King, and that each may have the fee of 11*l.* per annum, with diet.

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[August ?] 94. List of debts owing by the Queen to various tradesmen, during the time of the French being here; total 6,662*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*

[August ?] 95. Account by Capt. Bayle of his charges on taking a Dunkirker off the Isle of Wight; 3*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

[August ?] 96. Petition of Wm. Pearson, master, and fifty poor mariners, of the William and Thomas, of London, to the Council:—Have been long suitors for a third part of certain prize goods remaining at Plymouth; the merchants are practising to obtain the whole for themselves; pray for an order as to what the petitioners shall receive; they are no longer able to subsist without some allowance.

[August ?] 97. Another petition of the same to the same:—Sir Henry Marten having certified that the petitioners are entitled to a third of the prize goods in question, they pray that they may receive the same.

[August ?] 98. Return by Sir James Bagg of ships and mariners in the Hundred of Roborough, co. Devon.

[August ?] 99. Similar return for Dartmouth and Torbay.

[August ?] 100. Similar return for part of the Hundred of Plympton.

[August ?] 101. The like for the Hundreds of South Molton, Sherwell, and Black Torrington.

[August ?] 102. The like for the Hundred of Stanborough.

[August ?] 103. The like for the Hundred of Braunton.

[August ?] 104. The like for East Hundred, co. Cornwall.

[August ?] 105. The like for West Hundred.

[August ?] 106. The like for Penwith Hundred.

[August ?] 107. The like for Kerrier Hundred.

[August ?] 108. The like for Powder Hundred.

[August ?] 109. Returns by George Marsh, Deputy Vice Admiral, of the fisher-boats and sailors, or fishermen, belonging to St. Peters and Broadstairs, in the Isle of Thanet.

[August ?] 110. Catalogue of ships and vessels belonging to Sandwich, with their tonnage and ordnance.

[August ?] 111. Return by the Mayor of Sandwich of sailors belonging to Sandwich.

[August ?] 112. Petition of Robert Swann, linendraper, to the Council of War:—He provided shirts for the soldiers under the Earls of Oxford and Southampton and Count Mansfeldt, and for the navy under Viscount Wimbledon; on the last occasion, the Colonels bespoke a far greater proportion than were afterwards had of him, so that he has much cloth and many shirts on hand; prays that he may be employed in providing shirts for the next service by sea and land.

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[August ?] 113 Nicholas's minutes of motions to be made at the Council Board by the Duke of Buckingham:—1. That the 41 Turks, at St. Ives be transferred to Launceston prison, and directions given how they are to be disposed of. 2. That the Surveyor of Marine Victuals give an account of what victuals he has provided for the fleet at Portsmouth.

[August ?] 114. Articles exhibited in behalf of divers poor inhabitants of Tavistock and Walkhampton, co. Devon, against John Rowe, Head Constable of the Hundred of Tavistock, and one of the eight Masters and Governors of the town of Tavistock, for peculation and misconduct in connexion with the soldiers billeted in those places.

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1626.
Sept. 1. Norwich. 1. Mayor, and others, of Norwich to the Council. Norwich having been called upon to bear a third part of the charge of two ships to be set forth at Yarmouth, answer was made that, although in the time of their prosperity they had been called upon to bear a tenth or twelfth part of such charges, they were then so distressed as to be unable to maintain their poor. The Council thereupon desired to see some precedent, mentioning the proportion of charge borne by the city on former occasions, wherefore they *Inclose*,

1. I. *Extracts from a book and letters containing such precedents.*

Sept. 1. Drury Lane. 2. Katherine Duchess of Lennox to Sec. Conway. After her restraint at Langley Lodge for 20 weeks, the King was pleased to allow her liberty for two months, which being about to expire, she begs Lord Conway to intercede for her free liberty, not coming to Court without permission.

Sept. 1. 3. Capt. Thos. Philpot to Nicholas. Hopes Nicholas made his excuses for declining the command of the Esperance. He was prompted by the inconveniences he found on the last voyage from serving in a defective ship.

Sept. 1. Whitehall. 4. Order of Council, that Mr. Justice Jones should send for Wm. Skipwith, Lieut. to Richd. Skipwith, Captain of the Esperance, arrested for debt, and should take common bail for his appearance.

Sept. 1. Exeter. 5. Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter to the Council. Having been a second time earnestly pressed to provide two ships for his Majesty's service, they reiterate their former excuse of inability.

[Sept. 2 ?] Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Humphrey May. Desiring his opinion on two papers inclosed. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 254.]

Sept. 2. 6. Commissioners for Sale of Prize Goods to Buckingham. Had searched the four ships sent from Hamburgh, and found their lading to be deals and spars. *Inclose*,

6. I. *Particular account of the lading of the same four ships.*

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Sept. 2. Dorchester. 7. Dep. Lieuts. and Justices of Dorset to the Council. In reply to an order for entertainment of 1,000 soldiers to be removed into their county from Devon and Cornwall, they pray that these soldiers may be stationed in Somersetshire, Dorsetshire being visited with the plague.

Sept. 2. 8. John Reynolds, Master Gunner, to [Nicholas]. Recommends Henry Slater for Master Gunner of a pinnace to be launched at Chatham.

Sept. 2. Cranbrook. 9. Dep. Lieuts. of Kent to Philip Earl of Montgomery. Send a book of the names of persons within the seven Hundreds in the lathe of Scraye, who offer to contribute to the voluntary gift, with the sums they offer. *Inclosed,*

9. I. *The certificate above-mentioned, dated* 1626, *Aug.* 22.

Sept. 2. Oakham. 10. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Rutland to the Council. The county very willing to tender their best assistance, some offering two subsidies, some one, some one and a half; but their hope is, that, if other counties do not give at all, they may not be made a singular precedent.

Sept. 3. Whitehall. 11. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Send estimate for five ships to be sent to the Elbe. Suggest the propriety of sending a force to the Sound to stop traffic between Lubeck and Spain. The Assurance, a fit ship for that purpose, and the City might be dealt with to send six colliers to attend her. *Inclosed,*

11. I. *Estimate before mentioned, which includes four months' victuals for* 600 *men;* 5,010*l.*

Sept. 3. 12. Sir Richd. Trevor to Buckingham. Sends particulars of ships and mariners in his Vice Admiralty of North Wales. He could not muster the seamen, who, in the summer, are not to be found in any certain place.

Sept. 3. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 13. Richard Wynne and Tobie Dudley to the Council. The trade of coals at Sunderland is one fourteenth of that at Newcastle, wherefore Sunderland should be charged with that proportion of the charge of setting out two ships for the King's service; but the traders of Sunderland deny to yield any contribution.

Sept. 4. Canbury. 14. The King to Lord Conway, Sir Benjamin Tichborne, Sir Richard Norton, Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the King's Chamber, Sir Richd. Tichborne, and Sir Thos. Jervoise, Dep. Lieuts. of Southampton, Sir Henry Wallopp, Sir Wm. Doddington, Sir Henry Whitehead, Sir Danl. Norton, Robt. Wallopp, and the Mayors of Southampton and Portsmouth. Commission authorizing them to punish offences committed by the soldiers and sailors of the fleet about to be set to sea. [Copy.]

Sept. 4. 15. Sir Richd. Trevor to Buckingham. Having served the Duke and his predecessor 30 years, desires to resign his Vice Admiralty to his son-in-law Mr. Griffith.

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Sept. 4. 16. Thos. Earl of Arundel and Surrey to Sec. Conway. Sends his servant concerning a business he wishes to have moved to his Majesty. Desires to implore the King's grace by the humblest and best ways he can.

Sept. 4. 17. Capt. John Hagthorpe to Nicholas. Having no answers to his letters to the Commissioners and the Duke, he intends to convey the Hull men again for the Texel. They have seven ships ready to go. Small Dunkirkers on the coast do some harm, and for want of beer he cannot go to seek them. The bearer, Mr. Grant, kinsman of Lord Montagu, who had been Hagthorpe's Lieutenant, will explain.

Sept. 4. Durham. 18. John Richardson to Sec. Coke. Conferring with Sir Henry Anderson on the Commission of Inquiry for Recusants' Lands, and showing him the schedule of 1,000 convicted recusants in that county, he conceived that one Anthony Berrie, from Exeter, who practised physic at Jarrow, was a person whom Sec. Coke had inquired after. Writs of supersedeas out of the Exchequer hinder the King's profits, and no one attends to the King's prerogative for fear of the great Bishop.

Sept. 4. Whitehall. 19. Order of Council, approving a proposal of the Lord Admiral for increasing the allowance to mariners and seamen, by raising the medium from 14*s.* to 20*s.* per month.

Sept. 4. 20. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. 4. 21. Note of the same, omitting the proposal.

Sept. 4. 22. Attorney General Heath to Nicholas. Recommends Thos. Middleton, for Purser of one of his Majesty's ships.

Sept. 4. Skipton Castle. 23. Francis Earl of Cumberland and Henry Lord Clifford to the Council. The Dep. Lieuts. of Cumberland return, with reference to the voluntary gift, that the county is not able to perform all that is required of them, but will contribute according to their subsidy, so that they may be freed from the greater charge of arms. Those of Northumberland make the like return, but pray they may not be called to contribute with Newcastle in setting forth ships-of-war. No return from Westmoreland.

Sept. 4. Westminster. Proclamation that all coins of gold and silver shall be taken and received at the value at which the same were current on 1st of August last; and that all monies coined since shall be esteemed but as bullion, and not be current. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 51.]

Sept. 5. Henham. 24. Robt. Earl of Sussex to "the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham." Thanks for restoring him to that place in which for so many years he had been employed. Submits the names of his intended Dep. Lieuts. to the Duke's approval.

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Sept. 5. Whitehall. 25. The Treasurer and the Comptroller of the Household to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. For payment of 600*l.* to Francisco Vercellini, towards the charge of the diet of the Duchesse de la Tremouille, after the rate of 30*l.* per day.

Sept. 5. Aboard the Vanguard in Portsmouth Harbour. 26. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Had written several letters, but had received none. The wants of the fleet breed great disorder; there are no "hammackers" to lodge the people in, nor cans nor platters for them to eat or drink out of. If they go not soon away, the West India fleet and all others will be at home. Lord Denbigh is riding before Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, having left two of his squadron at Portsmouth to bring his provisions that are to come from London after him. The Lord General's squadron is most behind hand, but they say they shall have all aboard by the end of the week. The Vanguard ran much to ruin whilst in the service of the French. They want 300 men for the fleet, of whom 100 are needed for the Vanguard. Pennington has never received order to take the men from the Garland.

Sept. 5. Southampton. 27. Mayor of Southampton to the Council. The soldiers shall be tried at the common law at the gaol-delivery on the 14th. Prays that, for the sake of the poor town, the regiment of Col. Bruce, now brought to some good order, may remain there.

Sept. 5. 28. Receipt of Cornelius Fish, Chamberlain of London, for 400*l.*, paid into his hands by Elizabeth Turner and Edward Burby, executors of Elizabeth Snodham, widow and executrix of Thomas Snodham, for the use of his orphan children.

Sept. 5. 29. Order of a Court of the City of London that the Chamberlain should pay "finding money," for the 400*l.* above mentioned, to the executors of Elizabeth Snodham, they having the custody of the orphans of Thos. Snodham.

Sept. 5. Court of Admiralty, London. 30. Buckingham to Gabriel Marsh, his Marshal. Warrant to make proclamation at the Royal Exchange that all persons claiming interest in the Whale Fish, a ship brought into Exmouth by Captain Geo. Crosse, should appear at the sitting of the Court of Admiralty, at the Town Hall in Southwark on the 7th inst. [*Copy. Lat.*]

Sept. 5[?]. 31. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. The ships on shore at Bramston in Holderness are no wreck, because their companies came ashore. No man can have any right in the suspected Dunkirker but the King or the Duke.

Sept. 5[?]. 32. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. [5?]. Tower Hill. 33. Sir Alexander Brett to the same. Certifies the sufficiency of Francis Lowe, who was in the action at Algiers, and with Sir Walter Raleigh under the command of Capt. Pennington.

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Sept. [6?]. 34. James Earl of Carlisle to Sec. Conway. News received of the unhappy overthrow of the King of Denmark. If the loss be only of men, and not of the passages of rivers or other places of importance, it is not irreparable, and the King will find himself so far engaged in honour that he cannot give ear to any treaty of composition, which was what we most feared.

Sept, 6. Westminster. 35. Sir Robert Pye to the Council. Returns an account of his proceedings with reference to various Privy Seals for loans addressed to Merchant Strangers, and sent to him to collect. *Incloses,*

35. I. *List of Merchant Strangers to whom Privy Seals were directed, with account of their answers.*

35. II. *Letters of excuse from the following persons, all addressed to Sir Robert Pye.*

II. I. *Peter Dubois. London,* 1626, *Aug.* 21.

II. II. *Lucas Corselis. London,* 1626, *Aug.* 26.

II. III. *Joes Godschalk.* 1626, *Aug.* 25.

II. IV. *Gillis Vandeput. Hornchurch,* 1626, *Aug.* 13.

II. V *James Desmaitres. Abchurch Lane,* 1626, *Aug.* 23.

II. VI. *Peter Bulteel.* 1626, *Aug.* 25.

II. VII. *Samuel Fortry. Kew,* 1626, *Aug.* 22.

II. VIII. *Philip Jacobson.* 1626, *Aug.* 14.

II. IX. *Abraham Beck. London,* 1626, *Aug.* 18.

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II. XI. *David Marisal.* 1626, *Aug.* 17.

II. XII. *Thomas Latombe.* 1626, *Aug.* 14.

II. XIII. *Gideon De Laune. Blackfriars,* 1626, *Aug.* 11.

Sept. 7. 36. Sir John Danvers to Christopher Collard and Richard Stiles and to the Surveyors of the Highways of St. Martins-in-the-Fields. Is commanded by the Earl of Dorset to express his just dislike that nothing is done towards the repair of the highway between the West Gate of St. James Park and the stone bridge on the edge of Chelsea fields. If a satisfactory account be not given before 8 o'clock the next morning, the Earl will conceive it a continued contempt, which he will proceed to censure, and punish as in his wisdom shall seem meet.

Sept. 7. 37. Sir Thos. Wilson to the Council. Certificate that Sir John Jackson had taken the oath of allegiance.

Sept. 7. Portland Road. 38. Wm. Earl of Denbigh to Buckingham [?]. On August 28, he put out with the Lion and four other ships; Sept. 1, passed the Needles. Has been driven into Portland Road. Has taken all the care he could to get to the Land's End, and will use his utmost endeavour to perform the same.

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Sept. 7. Hinton. 39. John Poulett to Sec. Conway. Had already advertised Lord Conway that Mons. de Soubise had sent away his minister and some of his company, and was packing up his carriages to send them to London. Desires to know whether he is to wait on Mons. de Soubise to London. Soubise had lived in Poulett's house almost a year, and had been as well treated as he could make him; is ready to obey further commands.

Sept. 7. Alresford. 40. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Southampton to the Council. Having been ordered to provide for the billeting of 1,000 men, who are to come out of Devon and Cornwall, they represent that the case of this country is poor and miserable, and that although the Council have authorized them to rate and levy the necessary money, they have no course to levy money in that country but by help of law, and could not levy a sufficient sum. Beg a warrant to pay the charge of soldiers passing through the county.

Sept. 7. 41. Demand by Sir Wm. Russell of money to pay ships' companies at Portsmouth, 6,122*l.* 17*s.*; at Bristol, 4,563*l.* 10*s.*; at Chatham, 1,938*l.*; and in the Thames, 909*l.*

[Sept. 8.] 42. Petition of Wm. Pearson, Master, and 50 poor mariners, of the William and Thomas, of London, to the Council:—The Council having ordered that the petitioners should receive out of certain prize goods at Portsmouth, one third of 2,000*l.*, deducting 212*l.* "upon the merchants' allegation;" petitioners show that there is no pretence for making that deduction, and pray that they may receive their full third.

Sept. 8. Cirencester. 43. Justices of co. Gloucester to the Council. Having been directed to levy from the county a fourth part of the charge of two ships to be furnished by the city of Bristol, they assign reasons why such demand is unreasonable, and pray that it may be withdrawn.

Sept. 8. 44. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. They lately gave information of a loss of 4,000*l.* per month, for want of 14,000*l.* to discharge certain ships; they now signify that 6,000*l.* will be wanted to pay off the ships returning from the Elbe. If these sums are not provided, the wants of the seamen will force them to mutinous courses; those in the river are so unruly already that the Commissioners cannot meet without clamour and danger, and threatening to break down the doors upon them. The Duke had moved the Lords, that the 14,000*l.* might be paid out of the King's plate appointed to be sold or coined, but the Treasurer has not yet received any of it. The Commissioners also point out their inability to keep up the King's stores, and that 30,000*l.* will be wanted in December to discharge the seamen of the fleet at Portsmouth. The ships which contain provisions for that fleet have been detained by weather, but are now in the Downs.

[Sept. 8.] 45. Petition of Sir Henry Guilford and Henry Peck to the Council:—Winchelsea has taxed the petitioners' lands lying within

the liberty of that town, towards the charge of ships to be sent forth for the King's service from the Cinque Ports; this being contrary to the laws of the Corporation, and also to orders of the Council, that none should be charged but as they formerly have been, they pray that the case may be heard at their Lordships' Board.

Sept. 8. Worcester. 46. Justices of co. Worcester to the Council. They endeavoured to have procured a free gift to the King, but could prevail only with some few. The generality declared that they were ready for his Majesty's service as far as their lives, but in regard they had been used to supply by subsidies or fifteens granted in Parliament, they were unwilling to give in another way. The total of those who yielded to give comes not to 20*l.*

Sept. 8. Dover. 47. Richd. Hippisley to Nicholas. Had brought into Dover two Dutch ships forsaken by their crews, in fear that he was a Dunkirker. He detains the ships until he has some compensation.

[Sept. 8.] 48. Petition of Edward Emerson to the Council:—Being bound for the debts of Thos. Emerson, deceased, petitioner obtained a protection, and paid off 4,000*l.*, but being disabled by losses during the plague year, and especially by the death of twelve of his servants as a brewer, his creditors made him a bankrupt; notwithstanding which, Alderman Cambell procured a Council warrant against him, under which he has been twelve or thirteen days in custody; prays that he may be dismissed, not being able to pay the Messenger's charges.

Sept. 8. 49. Certificate of Capt. Phineas Pett as to the competency of William Hall to be Master Carpenter of the Garland.

Sept. 9. 50. Sir Thos. Wilson to the Council. Certificate that Bassit Coale and John Bland servant of Sir John Jackson, had taken the oath of allegiance.

Sept. 9. 51. Petition of Ensign Robert Smith, under the command of Capt. Peter Hone, to the Council of War:—Sets forth his sufferings on the return voyage from Cadiz, and his coming to London with consent of his Colonel, on the business of his Captain, and to solicit payment for himself; had not been able to procure one penny, and now the Treasurer at Plymouth refuses to give him the same allowance as other Ensigns; prays for the charitable consideration of the Council.

Sept. 9. 52. Capt. Lewis Powell to Buckingham. Sailed on Friday, recovered Dunkirk Road on Sunday, and delivered the Duke's letter to the Dutch Admiral there, who sent it away. Complains of the dangerous incompleteness of the fittings of his ship.

Sept. 9. Whitehall. 53. Buckingham to Sec. Coke. Sends him a copy of the increased scale of mariners' wages [*see* 1626, *Sept.* 4. *No.* 19.], with request that he will give the necessary orders for its adoption. [*Copy.*]

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Sept. 9. 54. Buckingham to Sec. Coke. Another letter to the same effect as the preceding, but referring only to the new scale of wages. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 9. Havering. 55. Minute, by Sir Thos. Aylesbury, of the King's reference of the business of Lord Stanhope to the Council.

Sept. 9. Southwick. 56. Sir Daniel Norton and the Mayor of Portsmouth to the Council. Submit that the 1,000 soldiers to come out of Devon and Cornwall should be distributed on the towns of the county, in preference to the parts on the sea coast.

Sept. 9. 57. Recommendation by Capt. Mervin Burley and two others of Mr. John Haines for employment at sea.

Sept. 10. Loseley. 58. Sir George More to the Council. As Collector of Privy Seals for co. Surrey, he had sent to Justice Dodderidge and Baron Denham, who excused themselves until next term. Solicits instructions as to what should be done with those who had neglected to pay the previous Privy Seals.

Sept. 10. 59. Certificate [of Sec. Conway] in recommendation of Lieut. Browne, who being allowed to repair to [London] by the Commissioners at Plymouth, exceeded the term of licence granted to him. [*Draft.*]

Sept. 11. Headon. 60. Justices of co. York to Lord Keeper Coventry. The subsidy men of the wapentake of Holderness could not be brought to consent to the voluntary gift desired. All they offered was only 30*l.*, the supply solicited being 800*l.*

Sept. 11. 61. Petition of Philip Warde to Buckingham:—Prays to be joined with Mr. Isaackson as Painter in the Navy.

Sept. 11. 62. Petition of Thos. Cooper, Bachelor in Divinity, to "the most illustrious and renowned Prince, George Duke of Buckingham:"—Being appointed a preacher to the fleet by Capt. Gyffard, he prays for an advance of part of his wages [5*l.* per month] to enable him to go to Portsmouth.

Sept. 11. 63. List of ships to be set forth by the City of London, with names of the masters.

[Sept. 11.] 64. Petition of John Malherbe, Master of the Francis, of St. Maloes, to the Council:—His ship bound from St. Maloes to Calais was stayed by a King's ship and brought to Dover, where great part of her cargo had been spoiled by wet; Sir John Hippisley had been directed by the Lord Admiral to discharge the ship, but desired the order of the Council; prays for an order accordingly.

Sept. 11. 65. Petition of Sir Thos. Brudenell to Buckingham:—Prays for a pardon of his conviction for recusancy, to enable him to sell lands to pay 3,100*l.*, being the ransom of his son, a prisoner in Flanders.

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Sept. 11. Portsmouth. 66. Robert Lord Willoughby to Nicholas:—For Capt. Richard Gyffard to be admitted to the Council of War. Sir William Russell not yet come with the pay for the companies, which so disheartens the men that it was much ado to keep them from running away. Obliged to stay for the provisions to come from London.

Sept. 12. Plympton. 67. Commissioners at Plymouth to the Council. Desire authority for sending by sea the spare arms of the troops removing from Cornwall and Devonshire, and also for allowing the men to carry their muskets.

Sept 12. [Canterbury.] 68. City of Canterbury to Philip Earl of Montgomery. Thomas Halke, William Gibbon, Richard Jarvis, and George Short, suspected papists, have conformed, and desire that their arms may be redelivered to them. [*Extract.*]

Sept. 12. Theobalds. 69. Philip Earl of Montgomery to Sec. Conway. The King approved of M. de Soubise's being lodged at the house of Sir Adam Newton. Lord Conway is to ascertain whether it be true that Lord Carleton has neither house nor diet provided for him in Paris, it being the King's pleasure that the Ambassadors that come hither out of France should receive similar entertainment.

Sept. 12. Wadham. 70. Warden and Fellows of Wadham College, Oxford, to Bishop Laud of Bath and Wells. They express their joy on his accession to that see, and thereby to the office of Visitor of their college.

Sept. 12. 71. John Earl of Bristol to Buckingham. Understands from the Lord Steward that the Duke, so far from opposing, has with much readiness assisted the Earl's suit to the King for leave for some small time to go into the country. As things have passed, the Earl acknowledges that to be a nobleness in the Duke, and therefore returns him his thanks.

[Sept. 12.] 72. Answer of George Greene, Mayor of Chichester, and Alderman Chitty, to the charges of contempt brought against them by Thos. Whatman.

[Sept. 12.] 73. Deposition of John Pannett, as to the conduct of the Mayor of Chichester and Alderman Chitty.

[Sept. 12.] 74. Misdemeanours for which Thos. Whatman was removed from the Recordership of Chichester.

[Sept. 12.] 75. Answer of Thos. Whatman to the charges against him.

[Sept. 12.] 76. Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Chichester to the Council:—Pray for a speedy hearing of the cause between them and Thos. Whatman.

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Sept. 12. 77. Petition of the officers of the ships in ordinary at Chatham to Buckingham:—For appointment of Griffen Spencer, a godly divine, to instruct the ship-keepers in ordinary at Chatham. *Annexed,*

77. I. *Reference of the above petition to the Commissioners of the Navy for their advice; with the underwritten report of the Commissioners, recommending the Duke to appoint Mr. Spencer, minister for the ships in ordinary at Chatham.*

Sept. $\frac{12}{22}$. 78. Receipt of Etienne de Tartaes, Master of the Loup Marin, bound from Bayonne to Havre de Grace, for goods laden into the ship by Thomas Maynes.

Sept. 13. 79. Sir Thomas Walsingham [to Nicholas]. Recommends Dr. Pope for Judge, Henry Boate for Register, and Richard Jennings for Marshal, of his Vice Admiralty.

Sept. 14. London. 80. Sir Thomas Love to Nicholas. Recommends various persons for Gunners in Sandown Castle.

Sept. 14. 81. Petition of David Rich, Master of the King David, to Buckingham:—His ship had been brought in by the fleet as a prize, but adjudged free by the Court of Admiralty, and 333*l.* 12*s.* ordered to be paid for freight; he has been unable to obtain his money and his ship is now pressed again; prays that she may be released and his freight paid. [*Underwritten is a reference of the petition to the Commissioners of the Navy.*]

Sept. 14. 82. Depositions of Dowe Goossens and John Janssen, masters of the two Dutch ships brought into Dover by Captain Richard Hippisley, [*see* 1626, *September* 8, *No.* 47], setting forth the circumstances of their detention, and their ill usage by Captain Hippisley and his crew.

Sept. 14. Portsmouth. 83. Sir George Chudleigh to Sec. Conway. The regiments to be removed from Devonshire into Kent and Sussex do not exceed 800 to each shire, whilst those appointed for Hants and Dorset come to about 1,100. This inequality should be remedied. The regiments for Hants and Dorset are those of Colonels Conway, Burgh, St. Leger, the Earl of Essex, and Bruce.

Sept. 15. Aboard the Vanguard going into Stokes Bay. 84. Captain John Pennington to Nicholas. Had paid 3*l.* 10*s.* to each of two sailors who belonged to the Turkish prize. Five ships had arrived with provisions, but much was wanting, especially cables and sails; if these things come not soon, they must either go away without them or give over the voyage. He is going out of harbour to the general. If they stay but 14 days longer, they shall have no hope of "taking any purchase."

Sept. 15. Aboard the Reformation, in Kinsale. 85. Capt. John Mason to Nicholas. Reports the state of the Reformation. Would be ready to sail about the 22nd, and would announce his arrival in the Narrow Seas. Reports various intelligence, amongst the rest, that Capt. Harris was going to Youghall to take in Lady Villiers, for England.

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Sept. 15. 86. Sir Thos. Love to Nicholas. Sends names of the Captain and company of the Fortune, of London, bound for the West Indies, and victualled for 15 months for 65 men.

Sept. 15. 87. List of Masters of the 20 ships to be set forth by the City of London for his Majesty's service. The City Committee recommend them to be appointed Captains.

Sept. 15. Newborough. 88. Justices of the North Riding of York to the Council. The people of Birdsforth and Allerton alleged inability to contribute to the voluntary gift through the great impositions to which they had lately been subjected. Some would be willing to give, though unable, in a Parliamentary course; a few others yielded to give some small sums amounting to 17*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Sept. 15. Canbury. 89. The King to the Lord Treasurer, Lord President of the Council, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Dorset, Sec. Conway, Sir Thos. Savage, Sec. Coke, Sir Richard Weston, Sir Humphrey May, and Sir Robert Pye. Letters patent appointing them Commissioners for the Sale of the King's Lands. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 15. Chatsworth. 90. Commissioners for the Loan in co. Derby to the Council. Justify their conduct in connection with the levy of the intended voluntary gift. "Every man in particular" refused in several hundreds, and in others, they thrust upon the Justices their denial with a great and joint noise. They added to their denial these words, "but by way of Parliament." The Justices did not give their money before the people were solicited, because few of them assembled, and those not all resolved to give. There were not 40 givers in the whole country.

Sept. 15. Dover. 91. James Hugessen, the younger, Postmaster of Dover, to Sec. Conway. "Sir Walter Montague" having landed at the pier, which is almost a mile from the post-house, ordered Samuel Moore, the writer's deputy, to send him "10 horses to ride to Canterbury," which, Moore having refused, had been sent for to the Council. The writer acknowledges Moore's fault, but states that by the orders, all persons that please to ride with horn or guide must repair to the post-house.

Sept. 15. 92. Protestation of Edward Chetwynd, Dean of Bristol, made in Chapter assembled, and in presence of the Canons, respecting the right of the Deans of that Cathedral to a negative vote in the affairs of the Cathedral.

Sept. 15. Alresford. 93. Dep. Lieuts. of Hants to Sec. Conway, as Lord Lieutenant. Order having been given for billeting 1,000 men in that county, they beg that the soldiers already quartered upon them may be removed.

Sept. 15. Alresford. 94. The same to the Council. They are confident that they shall be able to keep the county in peace, and that the country may be spared the entertainment that belongs to a Provost Marshal.

Sept. 15. 95. Information of Sir Thos. Love. That 50 or 60 sail of portaces or pinnaces, with 8 galleons, had come out of the harbours of Biscay; with advice as to their interception.

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Sept. 15. St. Donat's Castle. 96. Sir John Stradling to the Council. A petition of Mary Williams having been referred to him, he had examined the parties but had not been able to bring them to any accord. He reports the facts. *Incloses,*

96. 1. *Petition of Mary Williams to the Council :—Sets forth her right, under a conveyance from her brother, Christopher Williams, to certain lands in St. Andrews, co. Glamorgan, and that she had been ousted by another brother, John Williams ; prays a letter to Sir John Stradling to determine the matter.*

Sept. 15. Carmarthen. 97. Justices of co. Carmarthen to Sec. Conway. The people, being solicited for the voluntary gift, answered that they were ready to supply his Majesty's wants according to the usual and ancient custom.

Sept. 15. Carmarthen. 98. The same to the same. Having been directed to send a pinnace of 30 tons to Portsmouth, they reply that they could not find any such pinnace at Carmarthen, or any of the ports adjacent, but that they had assessed the requisite sum upon the inhabitants, and request further instructions.

Sept. 16. Whitehall. 99. Order of Council, that, "in regard of extraordinary preparations making in parts near unto us," no ships should be suffered to put to sea without the licence of the Lord Admiral.

Sept. 16. Whitehall. 100. Order of Council, that although the Lord Admiral had been prayed and required to make stay of all ships, yet the Board authorised him to grant passes for ships not bound for France.

Sept. 16. Whitehall. 101. Order of Council, that, notwithstanding the refusal of Peter Richaut, the owner of the Peter and Andrew, the warrant of the Lord Admiral for pressing that ship should be obeyed.

Sept. 16. Falmouth. 102. Wm. Earl of Denbigh to the Council. Reports his proceedings until his arrival at Falmouth on the 13th inst. It was there discovered that their beer was not fitting for any Christians to drink. What his abilities in judgment, purse, or credit could do, should be supplied. He was now about to ply to the Westward.

Sept. 16. Chatsworth. 103. Wm. Earl of Devonshire to the same. Had enrolled all able men in the County of Derby between 16 and 60, and found they numbered 2,000, including the Trained Bands. Preparation of arms and ammunition had been made. Had taken Gill's recognizance to appear on 14 days warning.

Sept. 16. 104. Sec. Coke, as a Commissioner of the Navy, to Peter Bucke, Clerk of the Cheque at Chatham. That Henry Goddard be entered Master Shipwright at Chatham, in place of Edward Stevens, deceased.

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Sept. 16. 105. Robert Lord Willoughby to Buckingham. Had placed Capt. Harvey in the Swiftsure, and Capt. Ellis in the Hector. Provisions arrived on the 12th, and he intended to take the first opportunity of wind and weather, not waiting for the Hollanders or the fire-ships and pinnaces.

Sept. 16. Aboard the Triumph in Stokes Bay. 106. The same to Nicholas. The stores and victuals were being put aboard the ships. Sir Wm. Russell had sent 1,500*l.* on account of arrears, and promised more on Monday or Tuesday. The men of the Garland had solicited their pay.

Sept. 17. Stokes Bay. 107. The same to Buckingham. Desires instructions how long the fleet should lie in wait for the Biscayners, and sets forth the course he intended to adopt. Wishes an answer by Wednesday, when he intended to sail. Pennington, his Rear Admiral, was ready.

Sept. 17. 108. The same to the Rear Admiral and other Officers of his Fleet. Intimating what were to be the signals for the meeting of the Council of War, and other purposes.

Sept. 17. Stokes Bay. 109. The same to Nicholas. Begs him to urge expedition in sending some desired instructions. He will discern from the inclosed how weakly they will put to sea. *Incloses,*

109. I. *A paper entitled "Reasons showing how lamely and unseasonably we go forth to service."*

Sept. 17. 110. Information given by James Martin, respecting Thomas Brewer, and others, puritans and Brownists in Kent; and also how his Majesty might obtain the patronage of a rectory worth 700*l.* per annum.

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Sept. 18. Chester. 1. William Earl of Derby to Buckingham. Sends certificates of ships and mariners in his Vice Admiralty of the Counties of Chester and Lancaster. The Mayor of Chester claims to be Admiral for the time being. *Incloses,*

1. I. *Sir Richd. Molyneux to the Earl of Derby. Certificate of all the ships and mariners belonging to the port of Liverpool.* 1626, *Sept.* 4.

1. II. *Mayor of Chester to the same. Certifies the names of ships and mariners within that city, but with a reservation of their rights by charter or otherwise.* 1626, *Sept.* 8.

Sept. 18. 2. Bond of Bonham Coke, Richard Lovett, and William Webb in 300*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Bonham Coke before the Council or a Secretary of State upon warning.

[Sept.] 18. St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. 3. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edwd. Nicholas. On difficulties in his matrimonial arrangements, and the advice of Dr. Zouch thereon. Rumoured death of the Bishop of Winchester.

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Sept. 18. Chester. 4. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. Sends certificates of the proceedings of his Dep. Lieuts. for Lancashire and Cheshire in the Musters and general military preparation. *Incloses,*

4. I. *Dep. Lieuts. of co. Lancaster to the Earl of Derby. They certify the state of the county in point of Musters, Trained Bands, and military preparation.* 1626, *Aug.* 31. *Inclose,*

4. I. II. *List of defaulters at the Musters.*

4. II. *Dep. Lieuts. of co. Chester to the Earl of Derby. Could not return a certificate until defects in the cavalry, occasioned by alteration of the appointed arms, had been supplied.* 1626, *Sept.* 11.

Sept. 18. Canbury. 5. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Conway. The grant desired by John Williams and Thos. Dixon for building an amphitheatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields, ought not to pass, as being in effect merely to transfer the playhouses and bear gardens from Bankside to a place much more unfit. On a petition for setting up a playhouse in Lincolns Inn Fields in the late King's time, exhibited by the Prince's comedians, eleven Justices of the Peace certified that place to be very inconvenient.

Sept. 18. Copy of the same. [*See* 1626, *August* 12, *No.* 93.]

Sept. 18. Chatham Dock. 6. Certificate of Joshua Downing, in commendation of Nathaniel Apslyn, carpenter of the Red Lion.

Sept. 18. Hinton. 7. John Poulett to Sec. Conway. By a letter from the Duke of Buckingham, Poulett is assured that his entertainment of Mons. de Soubise has been agreeable to his Majesty. Poulett had offered Soubise his horses and coach on his journey to London, but he desired to go by post, and set out that day with five post-horses only. Poulett has no ambition but to live in the King's good opinion and memory.

Sept. 18. Chatham. 8. Capt. Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Recommends Nathaniel Apslyn for Master Assistant to his Majesty's Master Shipwrights.

Sept. 18. 9. The same to the same. Prays preferment for his son.

Sept. 18. 10. Muster roll of men belonging to the Vanguard, Capt. John Pennington.

Sept. 18. Ipswich. 11. Richd. Wasse to [Nicholas]. Mr. Nuttall sick of the ague. The letter for Sir Lionel Talmage had been sent to Mr. Dade. Nuttall is satisfied there was no ambergris [on board some ship which had been stayed].

Sept. 18. 12. Petition of Mayor and Jurats of Winchelsea to Buckingham:—Winchelsea being charged 270*l.* towards furnishing two ships from the Cinque Ports, the Mayor and Jurats had assessed the same upon

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the lands within the town; Sir Hen. Guilford and Henry Peck having complained thereof to the Council, the Mayor and Jurats pray for Buckingham's protection.

[Sept. 18.] 13. State of the question between the town of Winchelsea and Sir Henry Guilford, Mr. Peck, Mr. Finch, and others.

[Sept. 18.] 14. Petition of Mayor and Jurats of Winchelsea to the Council:—In the case of Sir Henry Guilford and Mr. Peck, they have done nothing contrary to the privileges and ancient customs of the ports, wherefore they pray that they may not be unjustly troubled.

Sept. 19. 15. Petition of Nathaniel Apslyn to Buckingham:—Praying for the place of Assistant to the Master Shipwrights.

Sept. 19. Hartlepool. 16. Sir David Foulis and Sir Hen. Anderson to the Council. Report the result of their examination into the election of the Mayor of Hartlepool. The Mayor, having been elected by the influence and votes of recusants, dispossessed certain of the burgesses' assistants for refusal to take an oath of obedience to him.

[Sept. 19.] 17. Petition of Thos. Nicholson to the same:—Praying that the business of the election of Mayor of Hartlepool might be committed to the determination of Sir David Foulis and Sir Henry Anderson. [*Underwritten is a direction of the Lord President of the Council, that a letter should be written to Sir David Foulis and Sir Henry Anderson accordingly.*] *Annexed,*

17. I. *Statement of facts proved by the examinations already taken.*

Sept. 19. Bridgewater. 18. Justices of co. Somerset to the same. Having been directed to levy a fourth part of the charge of two ships to be furnished by Bristol, they allege that such contribution is altogether without precedent, that their county has lately disbursed 400*l.* for coat and conduct money, and has been at great charge for provision of ammunition, whilst Bristol is known to be a rich and wealthy city.

Sept. 19. Haverford West. 19. Justices of co. Pembroke to the same. The Justices of co. Cardigan having refused to join on equal terms in furnishing a pinnace for his Majesty's service, the Justices of co. Pembroke had been unable to do what they intended.

Sept. 19. Kensington. 20. Sir Henry Marten to Nicholas. Comments on two opinions of Wm. Clarke, one concerning the right of the Lord High Admiral to a ship taken by Sir Wm. Hull and Walter Ellys, in Baltimore Road; and the other respecting the right of the same functionary to an English ship, which, being pursued by a Biscayan, was abandoned by her crew. *Incloses,*

20. I. *Opinions of Mr. Clarke above-mentioned.* 1626, *Aug.* 28.

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Sept. 19. Stokes Bay. 21. Robert Lord Willoughby to Capt. Thos. Woodson. Warrant, setting him free from instructions given him by the Duke of Buckingham, and directing him to ply with the Antelope off the coast of Spain, in order to obtain intelligence of the fleet from Biscay. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 20. 22. Petition of Robert Earl of Warwick to the Council:—The Earl recites his previous employment in the erection of fortifications at Harwich and Landguard; it having pleased his Majesty to discharge him from that service, and commit the same to the Earl of Sussex, he prays that a survey may be taken of what he has done, so that he may not be subject to future blame, and also, that the ordnance and ammunition may be delivered up by inventory.

Sept. 20. Rochester. 23. Justices of Kent to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord President of the Council. The inhabitants of the North division of the lathe of Aylesford have for the most part given willingly according to their ability, as they pretend; the sum is 118*l.*, which is sent by the bearer.

Sept. 20. Poplar. 24. Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. Recommends Robert Boyne for appointment as Master Carpenter.

Sept. 20. 25. Petition of Capts. Hooke, Browne, Powell, Harman, and Hagthorpe, employed in the Cadiz expedition, to Buckingham; praying for payment of the King's gratuity of 100 nobles granted to every Captain employed on that occasion.

Sept. 20. 26. Sec. Coke to Sec. Conway. Sir Henry Guilford's cause had been heard that morning, and his lands found chargeable. [*See* 1626, *Sept.* 18.] Sends two letters drawn by order of the Board, according to directions given by the Duke to the two Archbishops. Desires to know if the King was coming to Denmark House that day, or if the letters might be sent to Theobalds for his signature.

Sept. 20. Whitehall. 27. Order of Council, that the fleet under Lord Willoughby not being sufficiently manned, the Lord Admiral should be prayed to give Lord Willoughby warrant for taking on board 500 of the land soldiers.

Sept. 20. Whitehall. 28. Similar order, that the Lord Admiral should be prayed to give directions to Lord Willoughby not to lose time by tarrying for the fireships, but to appoint a place of rendezvous, and leave behind a convoy for them.

[Sept. 20.] 29. Petition of Edward Emerson to the Council:—Reiterates his former petition, [*see Vol.* xxxv. *No.* 48], having now been 24 days in custody.

[Sept. 20.] 30. Note of money paid by Edward Emerson to the creditors of Thomas Emerson.

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Sept. 21. Falmouth. 31. Wm. Earl of Denbigh to [Buckingham]. Had brought in three French ships who made ready to fight, although they knew his was a King's ship. Suspects that good part of their lading belongs to the Spaniards. Marvels that he does not hear of the fleet. Hopes to receive his sails; those he has are so worn, that he cannot keep the sea. *Incloses the following examinations, all taken* 1626, *Sept.* 18:—

31. I. *Examination of Chas. Barré, Captain of the Harry François, of Rouen, bound from St. Lucar to Newhaven.*

31. II. *The like of Gideon Jehan, Captain of the St. Francis, of Newhaven.*

31. III. *The like of Daniel Herault, Master of the St. Francis, "of Rouen."*

31. IV. *The like of Allonce Poitou, Captain of the Notre Dame, of Rouen.*

31. V. *The like of Yvon Tassaries.*

Sept. 21. Falmouth. 32. Capt. Sir John Watts to Nicholas. Reports the incidents of their voyage and capture of the three French ships mentioned in the last letter; they are extraordinary rich ships, and were double manned. The time of year for war is nearly past. Intelligence that the Brazil fleet had come into Lisbon, and that the West India fleet was expected every day.

Sept. 21. 33. Examination of Catharine, wife of Christopher Neighbour [Naibor], respecting an iron chest and other things left in her house by Mons. Garniere, the Queen's late Attorney General. [*The same paper also contains an examination of Margaret Hammond* [*Hammon*], *servant of the said Christopher Neighbour, taken* 1626, *Sept.* 22.]

Sept. 22. Mansfield. 34. Justices of co. Nottingham to the Council. The people in general, saving a few whose offers amounted to 70*l.*, refused to give to his Majesty otherwise than by Parliament, which they alleged to be the ordinary and usual way.

Sept. 22. 35. Abstract of the several briefs or letters patent for collections, granted between 1625, Oct. 30, and 1626, Sept. 22.

Sept. 22. 36. Petition of John Tendring, Provost Marshal of Middlesex, to the Council:—The Council having written to the Justices of Middlesex to appoint a Marshal to reform the great disorder of rogues and vagrants, they appointed the petitioner; prays that he or his servants having apprehended any misliving people, may leave them in charge with the next officer, and that they shall not be enlarged by one Justice.

Sept. 22. Saltram. 37. Sir Jas. Bagg to Buckingham. Prizes brought in by Capt. Prynne and Capt. Antony. Bagg is going to Falmouth to Lord Denbigh, who intends to leave his French prizes in Bagg's hands. That country follows the example of the East in reference to the contribution. Grenville and Mohun expressed their loyalty, but were overruled by ill example. Capt. Jelly brought into Catwater

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a French ship found derelict; Eliot's officers bought the ship, which, Bagg contends belonged to the Duke. Suggests an inquiry, and that the Duke should "in all things express his dislike of that ungrateful villain, Eliot." *Incloses,*

37. 1. *Capt. Adrian Antony to Buckingham. Sends journal of his cruise on the coast of Spain, from* 1626, *July* 2 *to Sept.* 18.

Sept. 22. Saltram. 38. Sir Jas Bagg to Nicholas. Repeats information in the last letter. Begs that Eliot may not be employed in these matters, and that Bonython may be discountenanced.

Sept. [22.] 39. Justices of co. Cambridge to the Council. Have found great difficulties, but the inhabitants generally have agreed to give by way of benevolence to his Majesty. Collectors have been appointed, but the Justices await further instructions from the Council.

Sept. 22. Hampton Court. Proclamation recalling all letters and Privy Seals for the gift or loan of money issued since the late Parliament, and promising the repayment of all money given or lent thereon. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 52.]

Sept. 23. 40. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. On his return out of Cambridgeshire, wishes to know if anything had happened which required his attention; would have come himself, but on his return home finds his mother dangerously ill.

Sept. 23. 41. Justices of co. Hertford to the same. In spite of most earnest persuasion and example, only some few of the people of the hundreds of Hertford and Braughin yielded to give some small sums. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Account of sums agreed to be given by the Commissioners, and of the voluntary offerings of others.*

Sept. 23. Canbury. 42. The King to Archbishop Abbot, Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer Marlborough, Lord President of the Council, Lord Privy Seal, Lord High Admiral, Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Steward of the Household, Philip Earl of Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, the Earls of Dorset, Salisbury, Bridgewater, Carlisle, Holland, Banbury, and Totness; Sir Geo. Hay, Lord Chancellor of Scotland; the Earls of Kellie and Melrose; Viscounts Grandison and Falkland; Bishop Andrewes of Winchester; Sec. Conway, Lords Brooke, and Carleton; Sir Thomas Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household; Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household; Sir Robt. Naunton, Master of the Court of Wards; Sec. Coke; Sir Richd. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir Julius Cæsar, Master of the Rolls; Sir Humphrey May, Chancellor of Lancaster; Sir Edw. Spencer, Sir Baptist Hickes, Sir Henry Spiller, Sir John Sanders, Sir Thos. Fowler, Valentine Saunders, George Long, Robert Ausham, Edward Robertes, Laurence Whitaker [Whiteacres], and Wm. Noy. Commission to require and collect a loan for the King's use from persons able to lend, and dwelling within the County of Middlesex.

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[Sept. 23.] 43. Instructions which the Commissioners for the Loan are exactly to observe and follow.

Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 44. Examinations of Capt. Wm. Campbell and Duncan Campbell before the Council of Scotland, respecting their communications with Father Trumbull, and especially as to the alleged intended rising of Roman Catholics.

Sept. 23. Edinburgh. 45. Deposition of Duncan Campbell, detailing his intercourse with Father Trumbull.

Sept. 24. Hinton. 46. John Poulett to Nicholas [addressed as Oliver instead of Edward]. In that county [Somersetshire], in all places, people had given to the benevolence; in some places more, in others less. Hugh Pyne and John Symes did as much as they could to disorder businesses, but the Justices and principal gentlemen proceeded temperately and discreetly. The Lord Treasurer desired that a son[-in-law] of his, Mr. Harrington, might serve as his Deputy, and promised that he should attend the Sessions and give the charge; but the Sessions were held on the 20th inst., at Bridgewater, and Mr. Harrington neither came nor sent, which was taken very ill, and would have been a great hindrance to business if Mr. Cuffe had not been persuaded to take the chair.

Sept. 24. Southampton. 47. Sir. Jas. Scott to ———. Sends a letter to the Council for enlargement of a soldier of his company, who had been tried for killing one of his companions and acquitted. *Incloses,*

47. 1. *Mayor and another of Southampton to the Council. John Scott had been acquitted of the murder of Andrew Lawson, but was detained by order of the Recorder until their Lordships' pleasure was further known.*

Sept. 24. Flyborough Road. 48. Capt. Wm. Driver to Sir Alexander Brett and others, Officers of the Ordnance at the Tower. Soliciting a supply of ammunition for the John Bonaventure, according to an underwritten certificate of Wm. Hancock, Gunner.

Sept. 24. 49. Capt. Marm. Nielson to Nicholas. Refers to proposals submitted to the Duke, calculated to produce "his redintegration into the affections of the people." He is "tied to his Grace as one lineally descended from Beaumont of Coleorton, by a female issue."

Sept. 24. Hammersmith. 50. Edmund Earl of Mulgrave to Sec. Conway. Requests him to sign a packet containing instructions to the Earl's Dep. Vice Admiral of Yorkshire, in order to its safe and speedy conveyance by post.

Sept. 25. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Mr. Cary, Mr. Pitcairn, or Mr. Kirke. Sending them instructions to be presented to his Majesty for signature. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 255.]

Sept. 25. Ash. 51. E. Drake to Nicholas. Wishes to know if a ship with horses purchased in England for France is to be stayed.

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Sept. 25. Langley. 52. Wm. Viscount Mansfield to John Oldsworth, Secretary to the Earl of Pembroke. To procure the Earl's warrant to Mr. Evelyn maker of gunpowder, to furnish 48 barrels of gunpowder at the King's price of 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* per barrel, for the use of co. Nottingham.

Sept. 26. 53. The Council to the Commissioners at Plymouth. Approve the suggested transport of the soldiers' arms by sea. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 26. Salisbury. 54. Lieut. Henry Keys to Sir Edward Conway. By command of his captain, Capt. Goring, he had been with the Commissioners for Hampshire, to get quarters appointed for Sir Edward's regiment. Southampton was occupied by Colonel Bruce's regiment, and the Commissioners suggested that Sir Edward should obtain his father's directions to them to quarter his regiment in the Isle of Wight.

Sept. 26. 55. Certificates of defaulters at the Musters for co. Buckingham, and of those who refused to pay the rate for provision of powder and match. [*Among the defaulters in the first certificate is "Mrs. Elizabeth Hampden, or her tenants, for Dunton."*]

Sept. 26. 56. Thos. Fotherley to his brother Edward Nicholas. There is payable to Lady Purbeck at Michaelmas 166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for her quarter's annuity charged upon Newhall; it has been usually paid out of Lord Purbeck's rents, but the Duke has paid the last three quarters, because Sir Edwd. Coke did not pay his half year's rent of 1,000 marks, for which he is sued.

Sept. 26. 57. Separate examinations of Henry Goodwin, servant to the Earl of Banbury, and of Margaret Hammond, servant to Christopher Neighbour, respecting the goods seized in the house of the latter. [*Unsigned.*]

Sept. 26. 58. Inventory of articles in the iron chest and trunks seized in the house of Christopher Neighbour in Long Acre.

[Sept. 26.] 59. Petition of Joan Melbury to the Council:—For redelivery of her goods and papers left by her at Christopher Neighbour's house.

Sept. 26. 60. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Explain the causes of delay in despatching the Entrance and the fireships. The latter may now be sent away by forcing men to work with threatenings, having no money to pay them; but the fleet having sailed, the propriety of sending the fireships after them is questioned. Great difficulty of obtaining sailors, by reason of the great mortality in the last great fleet. Want of money to pay off 700 men who were lying useless at the King's charge.

Sept. 26. 61. Information that Mrs. Melbury [Melbrie] had taken a son of Sir Wm. Foster for her heir, and to be brought up in the Roman Catholic religion.

Sept. 26. 62. Report of Richard Cottle and others, respecting their search of Mr. Yardley's house, and his refusal to open a particular door.

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Sept. 26. 63. Information of Wa. Warre, respecting Mr. Yardley's conduct on the search of his house.

Sept. 26. 64. The like of Edward Wickens.

Sept. 26. 65. Information of Wm. Hope, gunner of the Rose of Woodbridge, against Capt. Hagthorpe, for the sale of stores.

Sept. 27. 66. Petition of Luke Wilson, quarryman, of Portland, to the Council:—In July 1625 he supplied the King with 300*l.* worth of Portland stone, the non-payment for which has thrown him into debt and exposed his family to beggary; prays pitifully for payment or a protection. [*Protection granted this day. Co. Reg.*]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. 67. Sir John Suckling, Comptroller of the Household, to Sec. Conway. The Dep. Lieuts. of Middlesex desire instructions what course to take for providing for the soldiers quartered at Staines. There are now there 400, and to-morrow night there will be as many more. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Sir Francis Darcy to the Earl of Dorset, or, in his absence, to Sir John Suckling. Begs directions respecting the maintenance of troops lodging at Staines, on their way into Kent. Brentford,* 1626, *Sept.* 27. *Incloses,*

67. I. I. *Augustine Kingsmill, Quartermaster of the Lord General's regiment quartered at Staines, to Sir Francis Darcy. Applies for money for support of his soldiers, and also for six carts and twenty-six hackneys for their march on the morrow.* 1626, *Sept.* 27.

Sept. 27. Whitehall. 68. Buckingham to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure that he should draw, for his Majesty's signature, a grant for life, to James Lord Strange, in conjunction with his father, Wm. Earl of Derby, of the Lieutenancy of Cheshire and Lancashire and the Chamberlainship of Chester. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 27. Ash. 69. E. Drake to Nicholas. Begs that two ships, one commanded by Capt. Fulford and the other by Capt. Crosse, and both victualled for voyages of reprisal, may be permitted to put to sea.

Sept. 27. Whitehall. 70. Order of Council, that the Margaret, of Queen's Ferry, may pass with horses to Mons. Grammont, Governor of Bayonne; and that advantage be taken of that opportunity to warn our merchants and seamen at Bordeaux, to withdraw themselves with their ships and goods.

Sept. 27. The Tower. 71. Sir Wm. Parkhurst, Richd. Rogers, and Andrew Palmer, Officers of the Mint, to Attorney General Heath. Beg him to stay the grant of the Mastership of the Mint to Sir Robert Harley, until they have closed their accompt.

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Sept. 27. 72. Petition of Thos. Ashehurst to Buckingham:—Complains that Nicholas had appointed Robert Hooker to be Purser of the George, although the Duke had promised to reappoint the petitioner; with reference underwritten to the Commissioners of the Navy, and their report.

Sept. 27. Penryn. 73. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. Begs that the Neptune of London, stayed at Falmouth, may be permitted to go to Ireland for a lading of pilchards.

Sept. 27. Plymouth. 74. Buckingham to Captain Rice in the Antelope and Captain Harris. They are to ply between Blasketts and the Black Rocks, and to intercept all Hamburgh ships bound for Spain with warlike provisions. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 28. 75. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. Report on the case of Sir Noel Caron, who, having been Ambassador in this country, was made a denizen, purchased lands, and died intestate. One Henry Dixon claims the lands in right of his wife, a daughter of Sir Edward Darcy's wife, who is said to be heir-at-law. His personalty is in the hands of the King for payment of debts.

[Sept. 28.] 76. Petition of Charles Barrett and other inhabitants of Cornwall to the Council:—The petitioners are grievously burdened with the detention and relief of the Turks remaining prisoners in their county, and pray that the same may be delivered to Charles Barrett, to be by him exchanged for English subjects now prisoners in Barbary.

[Sept. 28.] 77. Similar petition to Buckingham.

Sept. 28. Dover Castle. 78. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The King's pinnace and two ketches had captured two ships, supposed French, laden with Malaga wines, who refused to strike their colours to the King of England. The prizes sent for to come into Dover. Eighteen ships of the Hollanders before Dunkirk, and three before Ostend.

Sept. 28. 79. Commissioners of the Navy to the same. For warrant for ordnance for the St. Anne, the prize ship which the King intends to adventure with the company of Guinea and Benin [Byny.]

Sept. 28. Bristol. 80. William Willett to Nicholas. Ship news from Bristol. The George and the Abraham have sent in a prize laden with sugars and oil. Capt. Prynne, of the Charles, has also sent in an English ship taken by the Turks and retaken by him.

Sept. 29. Croydon. 81. Archbishop Abbot of Canterbury to Sec. Conway. Has sent away the instructions to most of the Bishops and is daily labouring to despatch the rest. If it be the King's pleasure to have them printed, he would take care that it should be done forthwith. In that case, they will fall into the hands of ill willers as well as of those that wish well, and the proceeding is so unknown that it may be doubted whether it should pass by way of Brief or as a little book; he prefers the latter.

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Sept. 29. 82. Justices of East Riding, co. York, to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and the rest of the Privy Council. The inhabitants of the wapentake of Dickering, answered the application for a voluntary gift with good words and humble excuses. A few proffered half a subsidy.

Sept. 29. 83. Petition of James Ireland to the Council:—Was forced at Rouen to take 80 tons of logwood for a desperate debt, which he did, not knowing that it was forbidden to be imported into this country;—prays that he may be allowed to unload it, on an undertaking to export it within a convenient time.

Sept. 29. Whitehall. 84. Order of Council, that the pinnaces and fireships should not be sent after the fleet, but retained to guard the river and the Narrow Seas. Mr. Harrison, his Majesty's agent for Barbary, and the ordnance to be transported thither, which were to have been taken to Portsmouth in these ships, are to be transferred to another ship.

Sept. 29. 85. Petition of James Harwin, for the owners of the St. Peter, of Hamburgh, "to the right noble Prince, the Duke of Buckingham, his Grace:"—Reiterating his former application for the Duke's warrant for the delivery of that ship to the owners. [*See* 1626, *June* 7, *Nos.* 35 *and* 36.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Bishop Laud, of Bath and Wells. Sends Archbishop Abbot's answer concerning a book, and desires his opinion on it. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 255.]

[Sept. 30.] 86. Petition of Sir John Gage to the King, for a special protection for his recusancy. King James commanded a warrant to be granted to him for obtaining a writ of certiorari whenever he was indicted. [*Minute.*]

Sept. 30. Dover Castle. 87. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Complains of the embezzlement of goods of one of the French prizes, and also of sending the other to London. The Hollanders had left Dunkirk on news of ships coming [from Spain] with money to pay the soldiers there. Eight ships ready to come out of Dunkirk, but staying there for the coming of Spinola. Sir John recommends Dr. Warner, a prebendary of Canterbury, for preferment.

Sept. 30. 88. Bishop Laud, of Bath and Wells, to Sec. Conway. Comments on the letter of Archbishop Abbot, of 1626, Sept. 29. Thinks the instructions, which are to be sent to every minister, should be printed; that they should be in the form of a little book; that a charge should be given to the printer for secrecy, and the like to the ministers who receive them, and to the officers who deliver them.

[Sept. 30.] 89. Minute of the contents of the preceding letters of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

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Sept. 30. Whitehall. 90. Philip Earl of Montgomery to the King. Certifies the past services of Wm. Prichard, a servant of the late King and of the Queen of Bohemia, who, having returned from the Palatinate wars poor and naked, had petitioned to be restored to his place in the royal service, and to his summer and winter livery out of the Great Wardrobe; the Earl deemed his suit "not unproper."

Sept. 30. Whitehall. 91. The Council to all Mayors and other officers. To allow Nicholas Bourk and John O'Donnel quietly to pass and embark for France or the Low Countries.

Sept. 30. The Tower. 92. Sir Allen Apsley to Buckingham. The six ships sent to convoy the Iceland fishery had returned. Either the men must be instantly paid or the ships new victualled, or the men will "clamour the King and the Duke in numbers," which some were prepared to do on the morrow, but they have been stopped for a few days. He is unable to stop their clamour any longer.

Sept. 30. 93. Minute of an application to be made to his Majesty by Sec. Conway on behalf of the Earl of Arundel, that he may now have his liberty, pledging his honour and word not to offend the King in pressing near his Court or Council without leave.

Sept. 30. 94. The Council to the Justices of Somerset. Although the Justices cannot find any precedent, yet "this being for public service and the common defence," they are required to contribute a fourth part of the charge of two ships to be furnished by the city of Bristol.

Sept. 30. London. 95. Capt. Wm. Hawkridge to Nicholas. Has a great desire to go in the Globe, of Poole, with Thos. Newport. Desires Nicholas to further Mr. Wise's business, and to procure employment for Sir Richard Whidborne. If the Vice Admiralty of the Narrow Seas be vacant, the writer begs employment there.

Sept 30. Bristol. 96. Wm. Willett to the same. The fleet having left Plymouth, he desires to know if the stay of ships be recalled. The Duke's tenth of the sugars brought home in the Mary Rose may be worth 500*l.* Sends particulars of another prize sent home by Capt. Driver. Bristol will be one of the Duke's best ports for profit. Dares offer the Duke 1,000*l.* and Nicholas 200*l.* for the profit of the tenths from the George. In a postscript, dated Oct. 1, announces the arrival of another ship sent home by the George and the Abraham, a French vessel abandoned by the crew; her lading was logwood, tobacco, and cochineal.

Sept. 30. 97. Sec. Coke to the same. The Commissioners of the Navy recommend Robt. Cooke for Master Caulker to the navy.

Sept. 30. Dover Castle. 98. Sir John Hippisley to the same. Repeats his complaints of the rifling of the prizes. The French say they had better have met with the Turks. Lieut. Gibbs, of Sandgate Castle, desires to put his son Thomas in his place. *Incloses,*

98. 1. *List of the droits' gatherers within the Cinque Ports.*

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Sept. 30. Whitehall. 99. Order of Council, to stay proceedings in a suit in the Court of Wards, instituted by Henry Dixon in the name of his wife; and also in suits instituted by the Attorney General in the Court of Exchequer and in the Star Chamber, all relating to the estate left by Sir Noel Caron.

Sept. 30. 100. Copy of the preceding.

Sept. 101. Petition of Clement Harby to Buckingham:—Prays for compensation for goods worth 600*l.* confiscated at Rotterdam, on pretence of non-entry. [*See his previous petition* 1626, *July* 13, *No.* 67.] *Annexed,*

101. I. *True state of the cause of Clement Harby, being a full narrative of the proceedings referred to in the petition.*

Sept. 102. Statement of objects to be aimed at in the reformation of the coinage.

Sept. 103. Paper by James Acheson on the comparative weights and values of the silver and gold coinage.

Sept. 104. Memorandum, in the handwriting of Nicholas, for the Duke to move at the Council Board for 20,000*l.* for discharge of ships lately come in, for 20,000*l.* for supply of cordage and masts, and for 30,000*l.* for discharge of the fleet at Portsmouth on its arrival in December next.

Sept. 105. Petition of Humfrey Slany, Rowland Wilson, and Richard Slany, and their partners, to the Council:—Having laded the Valentine for Barbary, she had been stopped by the general restraint, at Gravesend; offer security that she should not go either to Spain or France, and pray she should be allowed to proceed on her voyage.

[Sept. ?] 106. Petition of John Warde to the Council:—Being in custody of Davies, a messenger, prays to be allowed to make his answer.

Sept. 107. Dr. Thos. Ryves to Buckingham:—The Duke having been informed that the Pope had power to translate a Bishop from one Bishopric to another contrary to the Bishop's own will, desired Dr. Ryves's opinion as to whether the King possessed such power. Dr. Ryves answers, that he cannot find that the Pope ever possessed such a power; that if he did, it was part of that unlimited power which in this country was utterly disclaimed; and that it was a power never exercised in this land.

Sept. 108. Names of persons residing in the Northern and Western suburbs of London who were omitted in the former certificate, but are conceived fit to lend on Privy Seals the sums attached to their names.

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[Sept.] 109. Petition of Timon Jacobson and two others, merchants of Amsterdam, to the Council:—On the 31st August last, the Council ordered that John Cooke should pay the petitioners 66*l.* and the Registrar of the Admiralty 2,683*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, being the proceeds of the sale of the petitioners' ship the St. Andrew; the latter sum being demanded, the Registrar certified that he had paid all monies in his hands into the Exchequer; pray for some relief. *Annexed,*

109. I. *Certificate of George Fielding, Registrar of the Court of Admiralty, above mentioned. Annexed,*

109. I. I. *Order of Council of* 1626, *August* 31, *also above mentioned.* [*Copy.*]

[Sept.?] 110. Petition of Martha Powell alias Harman to the Council:—John Price [*see* 1626, *August* 15, *No.* 119,] being now in custody, but seeking to be discharged privately, petitioner prays that she and he may be called face to face before their Lordships, and that she may have a Counsellor to speak for her.

[Sept.] 111. William Clarke to Lord ———. Answers the comments of Sir Henry Marten in opposition to the opinions given by Mr. Clarke in favour of the right of the Lord Admiral to two ships referred to in 1626, September 19, No. 20. *Incloses,*

111. I. *Copy* [*unsigned*] *of* 1626, *September* 19, *No.* 20.

[Sept.?] 112. Paper by Sir John Danvers on the law relating to the repair of highways.

[Sept.] 113. Petition of William Skipwith to the Council:—Had tendered bail before Mr. Justice Jones, but he refused to take any other than such as the plaintiff would allow of; prays for a further order.

Sept. 114. List of ships composing the fleet under command of Lord Willoughby.

[Sept.?] 115. Suggestion made to the Duke of Buckingham that the dispute, whether the tonnage of ships should be ascertained by weight or measure, might be settled, in the case of merchant ships, by rating them according to the tonnage of merchandize they have usually brought home, and on which they have paid customs.

[Sept.?] 116. Form of letter from the King to the Lord Lieutenants of Counties;—to return names of persons competent to lend money on Privy Seals; gentlemen created baronets to be excused, and persons who have formerly lent to be excused one-half.

[Sept.?] 117. "Reasons why the Earl of Bristol doth not answer" to the information preferred against him in the Star Chamber. 1, He cannot answer for his negotiations in Germany and Spain without conferring with the gentlemen who were joined with him in commission; 2, Nor without inspecting his papers, which he cannot recover nor arrange whilst he is a prisoner in the Tower; 3, Even if he could obtain the necessary papers he could not in prudence

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1626. bring them into the Tower, seeing his life might be hazarded if they were lost; 4, He cannot obtain legal advice in the vacation; 5, Any matter with which he is charged is bailable, and the King need not doubt his promise to make his appearance next term, since he returned out of Spain with 40,000*l.* of the King's jewels; 6. It is contrary to law that a man should be imprisoned without examination; and 7, Personal displeasure, either of the late King, or of the present King when Prince, or founded on any thing the Earl said in the late Parliament, is not sufficient cause for his committal without examination.

[Sept. ?] 118. Petition of Wm. Ashwell and John Helt, on behalf of John Martins, master of the Fortune, and the owners of the same ship, to the Council:—The Fortune, coming from "Portoport" to London, was fraudulently seized by certain Welshmen and carried to Appledore, where they published that they had got a prize; the transaction coming to the hearing of the Lords, they ordered the goods to be sold and the captors to be rewarded; before this, the matter having been examined in the Admiralty, Sir John Eliot, as Vice Admiral, granted warrant for the restoration of the ship, but the order of the Lords coming to the knowledge of the surprizers, they contemned the warrant, and violently held the ship; pray the Lords to revoke their order and restore the ship.

[Sept. ?] 119. Petition of Samuel Pauson, Theophilus Wright, and others, to the Council:—Goods having been assigned to them at a great over-value, pray that the goods may be sold by indifferent persons, and that an allowance may be made for the petitioners' expenses.

[Sept. ?] 120. Further petition of the same to the Council:—Sir John Hippisley having pretended that the goods assigned to the petitioners were undervalued, the goods had been ordered to be brought back to Dover for sale, pray that such part of the goods may be given to them as may satisfy their claim, or that the goods may be all sold in London.

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Oct. 1. 1. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Coke. The Earls of Dorset and Salisbury have entreated the Secretary's favour towards Mrs. Melbury, that the money and other goods seized in a trunk of hers may be restored to her; the writer joins with them in their request.

Oct. 1. 2. Sir Thos. Freke to his cousin Nicholas. Begs that his ship, the Leopard of Weymouth, which was driven by weather into Fowey, and there stayed, may be allowed to proceed on its voyage under letters of reprisal. It was victualled for ten months, and the season lost is the voyage lost.

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Oct. 1. Dover Castle. 3. Sir John Hippisley to [Nicholas]. Account of what had been taken from the French ship; the complaint of the Frenchmen is lamentable; amongst other things they have lost all their clothes. The master of the ketch, Roger Bartlett, has left his ship at the pier and gone for pillage. The Duke should make these men an example. The ketch has only ten days victuals left; if he may be paid again, Hippisley will victual her there.

Oct. 1. 4. List of French ships stayed at Plymouth.

Oct. 1. Hinton. 5. John Poulett to Buckingham. Neither the ill examples of other counties, nor the ill spirits put into men by persons not well affected, hindered his Majesty's subjects in that county [Somerset] from expressing their dutiful affections in a free gift. In all places they gave, and many in good proportion. Sir Edward Rodney, Sir John Stawell, and Dr. Barlow, Dean of Wells, have employed themselves heartily in the service, and have not escaped without envy, reproaches, and the raking of ill tongues. Rumours that Sir Robert Phillips, Hugh Pyne, and John Symes should be restored to the Commission of the Peace. On the news of the defeat of the King of Denmark the country expected a Parliament, and some popular men are already looking after places.

Oct. 2. Saltram. 6. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. Requests instructions what to do with the three French ships and the other prizes. Capt. Barnard Burley has greatly abused his press warrant from Lord Willoughby; instead of reading Antony's and Prynne's Commission, he showed them pistols to their breast. Some person in the Admiralty has, as he fears, given Eliot a copy of the Commission. Sir Edwd. Seymour, Sir Wm. Strode, Sir Barnard Grenville, and John Mohun would be ready to attend as Commissioners, but there is no one to act as Solicitor. Is afraid that Kift juggles and plays the knave. The fleet is in Torbay, and is greatly in want of cordage and sails. *Incloses,*

6. I. *W. Kift to Sir James Bagg. Cannot satisfy Sir James without seeing the accounts. It is in vain to examine witnesses on matters confessed by the accounts.* 1626, *Sept.* 16.

6. II. *Sir James Bagg to W. Kift. Urges him to do his duty, by examining the statements given into the Court [of Admiralty], after which Sir Jas. will compare the accounts with him.* 1626, *Sept.* 22.

Oct. 2. 7. E. Drake to Nicholas. Wishes instructions respecting the French ship and other prizes at Bristol. Sir Jas. Bagg had shown him the Commission concerning Sir John Eliot, and had promised to send him word of their meeting. As soon as that is despatched the writer will come to London.

Oct. 2. 8. Certificate of the Masters Assistant, of the fitness of John Waterman to be appointed Master Carpenter in the Navy; with underwritten letter from Hen. Goddard [one of the Masters Assistant], to Nicholas, that Waterman accepted that post in the Mary Rose; it had been resigned to him by Wm. Warde.

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Oct. 2. 9. —. Wells to Nicholas. Recommends Boatswain Dawes for Boatswain of Deptford dockyard.

Oct. 2. 10. Wm. Tiffin to Thos. Stockdale. Sends Mr. Lowther's opinion concerning Mr. Porter's business.

Oct. 2. 11. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. On various difficulties which occurred in drawing up the indentures between the King and Sir Robert Harley, as Master and Worker of the Mint.

Oct. 2. Hampton Court. 12. Reference on a petition of Queen's College in Oxford to the King, directing the preparation of a grant from his Majesty to that College, of six advowsons in Hampshire. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 2. 13. Another copy thereof.

Oct. 2. 14. Extract from the register of Queen's College, Oxford, setting forth the means by which the King was moved to make the above grant. This paper contains a copy of a petition from the College to the Queen, and also a copy of the petition from Christopher Potter, Provost, and the Fellows to the King, to which the preceding document is the reply.

Oct. 2. 15. Information of Walter Archbold, respecting a false-bottomed trunk of Paul Valtelere, about to be sent to Brussels.

Oct. 3. Saltram. 16. Sir James Bagg to Buckingham. Had taken into his custody the three French ships brought in by the Earl of Denbigh. Reports his precautions to prevent embezzlement. Incloses list of ships stayed by him at Falmouth. Begs directions respecting the prizes taken by Capts. Prynne and Antony, and as to the further employment of the former. The fleet is still in Torbay. *Incloses,*

16. I. *List of ships stayed at Falmouth.*

Oct. 3. Whitehall. 17. Order of Council, that 4000*l.* be paid to the Treasurer of the Navy out of the sale of the two prizes taken by the King's pinnace and ketches, towards discharge of the seamen of ships now in the Thames; and that the Commissioners of the Navy send estimates for victualling ships outward bound, and for transport of the ordnance to be sent to Barbary by Capt. Quaile in the St. Mary, in exchange for slaves; and that after these things done, a reward be given to the company of the pinnace and ketches, at the discretion of the Lord Admiral.

Oct. 3. 18. Information of John Cotton, pilot of the Twelve Apostles, of Hamburgh, as to naval preparations in Spain and Portugal.

Oct. 3. Aboard the Triumph in Torbay. 19. Robert Lord Willoughby to Buckingham. Had been at anchor in Torbay 11 days; hoped to sail that day. Had discharged the Esperance, and the John and Fortune, being leaky. The Sarah Bonaventure had put into Dartmouth for repairs. Repeats the intelligence given by the Hamburgh pilot.

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Oct. 3. Aboard the Triumph in Torbay. 20. Robert Lord Willoughby to Sec. Conway. The fleet had been detained by weather. Some ships being leaky and unfit for service had been sent back, and others were becoming unserviceable daily. A pilot of a Hamburgh ship reports that 18 galleons are preparing at Lisbon, and 12 at Cadiz, but none of them ready for sea.

Oct. 3. 21. Jo. Webb to Nicholas. Letter on private affairs. Nicholas's boy was well, and his sister Reeves was delivered of a daughter in Michaelmas week.

Oct. 3. 22. Payments made by anticipation out of the ordinary sources of revenue up to this date; total, 185,508*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

Oct. 4. 23. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Find no ship so fitting to carry the ordnance to Barbary as Capt. Quaile's. He demands two months victuals which will come to 280*l.* The Happy Entrance was ready, but the men refused to go to sea without being paid.

Oct. 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Robert Earl of Essex, and Sir Henry Blaney. For Sir Henry's coming home out of the Low Countries. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 4. Beeding Lane, London. 24. Sir John Wolstenholme, Commissioner of the Navy, to Nicholas. The Commissioners had signified the Duke's command that the Entrance should be in the Downs on Thursday or Friday next, and had directed the men to be informed that the Lord Admiral promised that their pay should be sent into the Downs within eight or ten days. The prize ship arrived that morning. Had put two men aboard to prevent embezzlement, and wished Nicholas to take the examinations of the crew. At Boston they misunderstood the embargo, and would not suffer ships to come to London.

Oct 4. The Savoy. 25. George Earl of Totness to Sir Thos. Roe. Accounts for his long silence. At the funeral of King James he was assaulted with a dead palsy; for remedy he went to the Bath, but returned weaker than he went; then he retired to Nonsuch, and never came to Court or Council until the coronation. All the summer he has been in the country, where he has found good by air and exercise. All that remains of his disease is an imperfection of speech. Hopes that Roe's residence at Constantinople will not be over long.

Oct. 5. 26. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Recommend John Favell for the place of Anchorsmith at Chatham.

Oct. 5. Burton Constable. 27. Henry Viscount Dunbar to Buckingham. Three ships had run ashore at Barmston, one of which was supposed to be a Dunkirk man-of-war. Account of Poles and other persons found aboard, and also of the lading, and of the interference of Sir Matthew Boynton, who carried off many goods to his own house.

Oct. 5. Burton Constable. 28. The same to the same. The Duke should send down a warrant to seize goods taken away by Sir Matthew Boynton in order to try the right to them. Sir Matthew wholly sides with Hotham and Constable, who in all things are opposite to the Duke.

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Oct. 5. Aboard the Triumph. 29. Robert Lord Willoughby to Capt. John Pennington, Rear Admiral of the fleet then at sea. The Vanguard being leaky, and present occasion being offered for a design upon a fleet of Hamburghers bound for Spain, Pennington is to exchange commands with Capt. Edwd. Harvey of the Swiftsure.

Oct. 5. The same. 30. The same to the same. Pennington is to take out of the Vanguard all beer and other victuals (leaving therein a supply for six weeks), and also all ordnance and munition which he shall think necessary, and remove the same to the Swiftsure.

Oct. 6. Falmouth. 31. The same to Buckingham. The Vanguard being leaky, he had sent her back to Chatham under Capt. Edward Harvey. They had given chase to a fleet of Hamburghers, and the Hector had brought in one of their Admirals; but having a pass from the ships in the Elbe he had been discharged. Capt. Skipwith had brought in a French ship laden with Spanish wool. *Incloses,*

31. I. *Master and others of the Vanguard to* [*Lord Willoughby*]. *They had examined the Swiftsure, and find the rumours of her being defective untrue. The leak in the Vanguard gains two inches an hour.* 1626, *Oct.* 4. [*Copy.*]

31. II. *Certificate of Capt. Sir John Watts and others, of the leaky condition of the Vanguard.* 1626, *Oct.* 5. [*Copy.*]

31. III. *Pass from John Hide and Capts. Ledyard and Driver for the Experience of Hamburgh bound for St. Sebastian.* 1626, *Sept.* 21. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 6. Falmouth. 32. Wm. Earl of Denbigh to the same. Reports the proceedings of the fleet. Ten ships leaky, and some altogether unserviceable. Chase of the Hamburghers. They intend to sail that day.

Oct. 6. Southampton. 33. John Ellzey to Nicholas. Sends letter respecting the stay of a ship brought into Cowes. The writer of the inclosed is a proper person to attend to the Duke's rights in the Isle of Wight. *Incloses,*

33. I. *Morgan Adams to John Ellzey. Capt. Ersfeild and Mr. Reade, a relation of Lord Conway's, had brought into Cowes a Hamburgher bound for Calais. The writer has put two men aboard to look after the goods, but will take no farther steps without a commission under the Duke's hand.* 1626, *Oct.* 5.

Oct. [6.] Whitehall. 34. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a pardon for Sir Thos. Brudenell convicted of recusancy, in order that he may sell lands to redeem his son, a captive in Flanders. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 6. London. 35. Sir Thos. Brudenell "to the princely hand of the Duke of Buckingham's Grace, at Chelsea." Letter accompanying a present, and expressive of most entire thankfulness and devotion. Sir Thos. is still fettered in his former calamities, now increasing by his son's sickness, which he ever dreaded that loathsome gaol would engender.

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Oct. 6. 36. Examination of Christopher Neighbour, respecting the chest and trunks found in his house. They were left there by Mons. Garniere, servant to the Queen, as a pawn for a child called Nall Foster who was left with him. He never heard of Mrs. Melbury.

Oct. 6. Chatham. 37. Capt. Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Recommends James Rowley for Master Carpenter of the Nonsuch. *Incloses,*

37. I. *Certificate of Master Shipwrights in favour of James Rowley.* 1626, *Oct.* 6.

Oct. 6. 38. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend William Dawes for Boatswain of the yard at Deptford, in place of Robert Nethersall, who had other employments at sea.

Oct. 6. 39. Petition of Godfrey Lucas and Richd. Dodson, Lieut. and Ensign to Capt. Leake, to the same. They landed in Ireland on their return from Cadiz, and have travelled thence 200 miles on foot, pawning their clothes on the way; pray for a warrant for their pay.

Oct. 6. Dover. 40. Examination of Roger Barton, Master of the ketch called the Prosperous, respecting the circumstances of the capture of the two French ships laden with Malaga wine. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 7. Whitehall. Proclamation for restraint of the disorderly repair of mariners and soldiers to the King's Court or the City of London. [*Coll. Procs., Car.* I., *No.* 53.]

Oct. 7. Whitehall. Proclamation of his Majesty's intention, in requiring the aid of his loving subjects in that way of loan which is now intended. It is not to be made a precedent, and a Parliament shall be called as soon as conveniently may be, and as often as the same shall be required. [*Ibid., No.* 54.]

Oct. 7. Truro. 41. Mayor of Truro to the Council. The port towns of that district are unable to set forth a ship for the King's service, and beg the charge may be laid generally on the whole county.

Oct. 7. Truro. 42. Justices of Cornwall to the same. Had received from Truro an answer respecting setting forth a ship, to the same effect as that stated above.

Oct. 7. Dover Castle. 43. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Sends examinations respecting the plunder of the French ship brought into Dover. Is sorry to hear that the bonds in the Court of Admiralty would receive sentence before men were heard. His brother is at sea, and he can only say the ships were found floating at sea. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Examination of Robert Barton, Master of one of the King's ketches, and three others, respecting goods taken out of the French prizes.* 1626, *Oct.* 6.

43. II. *Examination of Christopher Bulger and three others on the same subject.* 1626, *Oct.* 6.

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Oct. 7. 44. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Mr. Wyvell, who had been sent by the Council to be examined, refused to take the oath of allegiance, and had, therefore, been committed to Newgate. Mr. Wywell said, he thought the Pope would not give order to excommunicate or depose the King, but if he did, he would by no means say he was not to obey him.

Oct. 7. Dover Castle. 45. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Sends notes of things taken out of the French prizes, and an account of what the captors can say to make those ships prize. Has victualled the pinnaces, which might in future be victualled at Dover instead of going to London.

[Oct. 7.] 46. Minutes, by Nicholas, of various matters relating to the navy, to be submitted to the Council by the Duke of Buckingham. They are repetitions of the demands for money for this service, with the addition of the suggestion of issuing a Commission under the Great Seal to inquire into the state of the navy.

Oct. 7. 47. Original draft of the preceding; the Commission being here described as a Committee of the Council, and the names suggested of the Privy Councillors of whom it was to be composed.

Oct. 7. 48. Petition of Timon Jacobson, John de Swane, and Andrew Verspeiten to the Council:—Set forth the order of Council, and certificate of the registrar of the Court of Admiralty annexed, and pray redress, as in the petition Vol. xxxvi., No. 113. *Annexed,*

48 I. *Order of Council, for payment to the present petitioners, of* 2,683*l.* 3*s.* 6*d. in the hands of the Court of Admiralty, and* 66*l. in the hands of one Cooke.* 1626, *Aug.* 31. [*Copy.*]

48. II. *Certificate of George Fielding, Registrar of the Court of Admiralty, that the* 2,683*l.* 3*s.* 6*d. in his hands had been paid into the Exchequer.* [*Copy.*]

Oct. 7. Aboard the Swiftsure, under sail from Falmouth. 49. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Many disasters had happened to the fleet by spending masts, springing leaks, and contrary winds. His ship had been discharged the service, but he could not get free, although he earnestly requested it. Had no hope of the voyage, the time of year being so far spent and the fleet victualled only for ten weeks. They are now under sail going away.

Oct. 7. Truro. 50. Justices of Cornwall to the Council. The gentlemen of most sufficiency answered the request for a voluntary gift, that their burthens were many, their charge great, their abilities little, and money extreme scarce, so as they were not able to give in that manner; but if it shall please his Majesty to summon a Parliament, they will be ready, by sale of their goods or what else they have, in a Parliamentary way to give satisfaction to his Majesty's desires. The parishes replied, that if they had but two kine, they would sell one of them for the supply of his Majesty and the kingdom's occasions in a Parliamentary way.

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Oct. 7. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Dean and Canons of Windsor. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure for Mr. Stokes to have the next prebend's place there. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 7. Whitehall. The same to the Clerk of the Signet. To enter a caveat for Mr. Stokes for the first prebend's place in Windsor. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 7. Whitehall. 51. Caveat entered accordingly; Mr. Stokes being described as Daniel Stokes, a Fellow of Eton. [*Copy, certified by Sir Thos. Windebank, Clerk of the Signet.*]

Oct. 7. Ash. 52. E. Drake to Nicholas. Will go to Barnstaple [Bastable], and will do his best to learn the truth. Wished the Commission for Sir John Eliot, to sit at Dartmouth, and the time to be left to the writer. Desires to know if there is to be a Parliament. Those friends of the Duke's, such as Eliot was, give out that one is appointed for the 2nd of next month, and labour for places already, and give great words what will be done.

Oct. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London. To reprieve Carr and Doe, condemned for robbing the Countess of Buckingham, who hath begged for their pardon. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 8. 53. Muster roll of the garrison of Sandown Castle, for the year ending Michaelmas last.

Oct. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Archbishop Abbot. Recommending Mr. Glapthorne, a minister, to his favour. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 9. Bristol. 54. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. Sends inventory of ship and goods sent in by Sir Wm. Hull's ship. Gives account of the three other ships sent in to Bristol. A box of diamonds said to have been taken away by one of the Captains who took the cinnamon prize.

Oct. 9. 55. Petition of Nicholas Leatt to the Council:—Prays for confirmation of the report of Attorney General Heath and Sir John Wolstenholme, in which it was recommended that the amount expended by the petitioner and the Turkey Company in procuring the peace with Algiers, should be levied on merchants trading to the southward. *Annexed,*

55. I. *The report of Attorney General Heath and Sir John Wolstenholme before mentioned, dated,* 1626, *Oct.* 7.

Oct. 9. 56. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. For an order for ordnance for the St. Mary, Capt. Quaile.

Oct. 9. Rochester. 57. Geo. Wood, Master of the Entrance, to Sir Henry Mervin. The Entrance is ready, and furnished with provisions for 160 men for fourteen weeks, but the men refuse to sail without being paid their past wages. They say they had rather hang ashore than starve at sea.

Oct. 9. 58. Examination of Wilfrid Brand, of Camberwell, a suspected recusant. Martin James, son of Sir Henry James, of Smarden, co. Kent, lodged in his house, and a trunk taken from it belonged to the wife of Sir Wm. Roper, of Eltham.

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[Oct. 9.] 59. Minute of petitions of Martin James and Wilfrid Brand to the Council, claiming money and other things seized by Sir Thos. Grayham under a warrant to search certain trunks in Brand's house belonging to Lady Roper.

Oct. 9. 60. Attorney General Heath to the Clerk of the Estreats of the Exchequer, the Clerk of Assize, and the Clerk of the Peace for Surrey. To certify whether Joan Melbury, of Camberwell, was a recusant convict. [*Underwritten are the returns of the officers addressed, in the negative*]

Oct. 10. 61. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Alderman Freeman had made provision of cordage for the King's stores in Muscovia, which is now ready to come for England. The Commissioners desire that two of the Alderman's ships taken up for the City of London may be sent to convoy the same. The Isaac, which had been infected, was now clear of the sickness; it should be brought from Portsmouth to the Thames, and be discharged.

Oct. 10. 62. Petition of Sir Nicholas Salter to the King. For renewal of his protection for twelve months. Had been engaged as surety for the agents of gold and silver thread, and for Sir Francis Jones. Had paid 30,000*l.*, and owed 4,000*l.* [*Underwritten is a memorandum by Mr. Turnbull, probably of the grant of the protection required.*]

Oct. 10. Scadbury. 63. Dep. Lieuts. of Kent to the Council. Sir Henry Snelgar is charged with arms in that county.

Oct 11. Harwich. 64. Thos. Viscount Colchester, Wm. Lord Maynard, and Sir Henry Carew, to the same. Had viewed the works and fortifications at Harwich and Landguard Point. Great care and judgment had been used in the works, but, lying altogether unperfected, they are in great danger to fall suddenly to decay. *Inclose,*

64. I. *Minute description and survey of the forts at Landguard Point and Harwich.*

Oct. 11. Bristol. 65. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. Mistake in the Admiralty Commission for release of the second prize sent in by the George and the Abraham. The Patience was not at the taking of her. Capt. Prynne in the Charles has taken a Dunkirker bound for Spain. He has put in at Milford Haven. Wishes for a release of the embargo, which overthrows all trade.

Oct. 11. 66. William Burrell to the same. Recommends William Blundle to have a warrant for the place of House Carpenter at Chatham.

Oct. 11. 67. Petition of Henry Huntley to Buckingham. The late King, on Buckingham's mediation, granted the petitioner Quester's place [the place of Foreign Postmaster, held by Matthew de Quester,] but by a gratuity of 200*l.* the old Postmaster frustrated the Duke's mediation, and obtained a grant for his own and his son's life; the son is now dead, and the petitioner prays to be put in his place.

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Oct. 11. 68. Petition of Christopher Farewell to the high and mighty Prince, the Duke of Buckingham :—Had spent his all in expectation of maintenance by his honest studies; has written a History of his Travayles, and offers to repeat by memory the 150 Psalms of David and the 14 epistles of St. Paul; prays for the King's protection, and to be taken into the Duke's service.

Oct. 12. 69. Certificate of Capt. Joshua Downing and others, of the ability of John Steward for the place of Boatswain.

Oct. 12. Chatham. 70. Capt. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends Charles Chipp to succeed Thos. Large as Cook in the Merhonor.

Oct. 12. 71. Muster roll of the garrison of Sandgate Castle, for the year ending Michaelmas last.

Oct. 12. 72. Examination of Katherine, wife of Christopher Neighbour, respecting the chest and trunks claimed by Mrs. Melbury. [*Underwritten is an examination of Christopher Neighbour on the same subject, taken* 1626, *Oct.* 14.]

Oct. 13. Whitehall. 73. The Council to the Dep. Lieuts. of co. Southampton. For reasons best known to themselves, the Council order that none of the 1,000 soldiers from Devon and Cornwall be billeted at Portsmouth, or in the Isle of Portsea. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 13. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. In behalf of a French watchmaker, that he may exercise his trade without interruption, being refuged hither for religion. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 13. Whitehall. 74. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd [to Sir Francis Nethersole.] Sends proclamations for loan and to restrain disorder of mariners [*see* 1626, *Oct.* 7, *Procs., No.* 53 *and* 54.] The occasion of that one relating to mariners was some mischief offered to the Duke's coach by mariners who came for pay. Lord Carleton had returned from France, with a present of plate worth 1,200*l.* Sir George Goring was going thither. Bassompierre carried himself discreetly. Intention to send 3,000 men and 100,000*l.* in jewels to the King of Denmark.

Oct. 14. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Coventry. Recommends a poor Lincolnshire widow to favour in a cause in Chancery. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Oct. 14. The same to Bishop Laud of Bath and Wells, in favour of Ferdinando Texeda, a Spaniard and a protestant. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 14. Whitehall. The same to Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, in favour of Lieutenant Leigh, arrested on pretence of making a rescue. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Oct. 14. 75. Narrative by G. Primrose, a French protestant minister, formerly at Bordeaux, of his labours in France, and of his removal and that of his family to England, on a promise of preferment by the late King, which promise had not been fulfilled.

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Oct. 14. 76. Certificate by Robert Earl of Sussex of defaulters at Musters at Brentwood.

Oct. 14. Exeter. 77. W. Kift to Nicholas. William Huckmore, of Buckland, in the parish of Combintinhead, co. Devon, was dead, leaving an estate worth 800*l.* per ann., and an heir of the age of 15. Recommends Nicholas to obtain the wardship to himself, Sir James Bagg, and Kift, by which Nicholas would get 2,000*l.*

Oct. 14. Ash. 78. E. Drake to Buckingham. Reports the result of his visit to Barnstaple, and examination into the conduct of Sir John Eliot, in connection with the Fortune, of Hamburgh. The crew differ as to the number of passengers and the number of pieces of eight. As to the latter, the Captain says there were 11, a boy confesses to 63, and the late Mayor of Barnstaple states there were 500. Believes Sir John Eliot had his share. Drake has stayed the ship and goods until the Duke's pleasure be known. *Incloses,*

78. I. *Sir John Eliot to the Keeper of the gaol at the Castle of Exeter. Warrant to receive and detain Thos. Bowen and four others, Welshmen, charged with piratically seizing the Fortune, of Hamburgh.* 1626, *Aug.* 26. *Copy.*

78. II. *The same to all Mayors and other officers. Warrant to restore the Fortune, of Hamburgh, to John Martin, owner thereof, and to allow it to pass at his pleasure.* 1626, *Sept.* 18. *Copy.*

Oct. 14. Ash. 79. The same to Nicholas. Has found Sir John Eliot's carriage to be strange. If there be a commission sent down for examining witnesses, he thinks some matter will be gathered. Is sure Sir John Eliot had no warrant to discharge the ship. The Mayor for last year and the rest of the magistrates are all for the Flemings and Sir John Eliot. *Incloses,*

79. I. *Examination of John Broomstaff, mariner on board the Fortune, of Hamburgh.* 1626, *Oct.* 11.

79. II. *The like of John Martin, Master of the ship.*

79. III. *The like of John Bishop, constable. He received a warrant from Sir John Eliot to arrest the Welshmen who brought in a Flemish ship. They, hearing of the warrant, ran away.*

Oct. 14. 80. Petition of Sir Robert Killigrew to the King:—Prays for permission to purchase Kempton Park, with the manors of Kempton and Felton, co. Middlesex, of which he had a lease for 50 years then to come.

Oct. 14. 81. Petition of John Hall, Captain of the Aletheia, to Buckingham:—Acting, under private instructions from the Duke and a commission from Lord Willoughby, as intelligencer, he had brought into Dartmouth eight ships which confessed they had been employed in taking corn to Lisbon, by the unusual passage of the North of Ireland; prays they may be adjudged prize.

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[Oct. 14.] 82. Petition similar to the preceding, addressed to the Council.

Oct. 14. 83. Muster roll of Walmer Castle for the year ending Michaelmas last.

Oct. 14. 84. The like of Deal Castle.

Oct. 14. 85. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Inclose a letter which shows how unfit the Charles and the John Bonaventure are to winter in the Elbe, and the necessities and nakedness of the men aboard. The same report is given by John Hide who has returned with the Nonsuch. Suggests the recall of these vessels, and the sending in their stead some of the ships of the City's preparation. *Inclose,*

85. I. *Capts. F. Ledyard and Wm. Driver to the Commissioners of the Navy. Certify the dangerous condition of the Charles and the John Bonaventure, and the necessity for further supplies.* 1626, *Sept.* 25.

Oct. 15. Bristol. 86. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. With information relative to the prizes lately taken by ships out of that port.

Oct. 15. 87. Bishop Williams of Lincoln to Buckingham. Has often protested that he has never been guilty of any other sin against the Duke than jealousy and indiscretion, which, among Christian men, are not the sins against the Holy Ghost. Beseeches the Duke to procure for him the King's leave to repair to his poor house in Westminster, for some two or three months during the winter. Would not willingly lose his life until he has convinced the Duke that he has been his true but unfortunate servant. For the Bishoprick of Winchester, which had been once promised to him by the King, he would not receive it but as from the Duke, nor would make any application for it until he should appear to the Duke to be no such foul man as he had been painted.

Oct. 16. Alresford. 88. Commissioners for Martial Law in co. Hants, to Sec. Conway. Feared there would be much use of the Commission for Martial Law, there being many disorders and outrages amongst the soldiers. Desire instructions for the right execution of that law, to which they were strangers.

Oct. 16. Cranborne. 89. Capt. Edward Yates to Nicholas. If any change be made in Col. Bruce's regiment, hopes that he being senior Captain, no man will be allowed to step over his head. Thanks for services rendered to his son Fisher.

Oct. 16. 90. Resignation by Thos. Large to Charles Chipp of the place of Cook in the Merhonor.

Oct. 16. Saltram. 91. Sir Jas. Bagg to Buckingham. Lord Willoughby had left in his charge the Sea Wolf, laden at Bayonne. Hears that it is intended to raise the four subsidies by way of loan until the next Parliament, which is what the vulgars cry for, thinking that to be the way to their ends and their liberty, which he grieves is so much. Advises

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that the Commissioners should sit throughout the kingdom on one day, and that none be appointed Commissioners but such as are best affected. Incloses list of such persons in Cornwall and Devon, and recommends Mr. John Mohun in very special manner. Thanks the Duke for recommending Mr. Mohun to the Lord Steward for a Vice Warden of the Stannaries, and intimates his desire for an English honour. Bagg will proceed in the commission concerning Eliot so that it will be to the Duke's honour, and at last give a due reward to that ungrateful villain.

Oct. 16. Saltram. 92. Sir Jas. Bagg to Nicholas. Solicits instructions respecting victualling Capt. Prynne's ship, and dealing with the prizes. Begs Nicholas to second his requests to the Duke for Mr. Mohun. Kift juggles about Eliot. Bagg will meet his cousin Drake to order Eliot's business on the 24th or 25th inst. at Exeter. *Incloses,*

92. 1. *Pass of the custom house of Bayonne, granted to the Sea Wolf, Capt. Stephen Tartas.* 1626, *Sept.* 28. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 16. Dover Castle. 93. Sir John Hippisley to the same. Entreats that powder and shot may be supplied to the pinnace; she is well victualled. The men of the ketch acknowledge to have taken into their ship the goods plundered from the French prize. Will send account of the Musters, but begs for money for the soldiers, who are almost out of heart at the first week's pay having been missed. Only one of the Dep. Lieuts., Sir Thos. Smith, appeared at the Musters.

Oct. 16. 94. Muster roll of Archcliff bulwark, for the year ending at Michaelmas last.

Oct. 16. Howlett. 95. Sir Hen. Palmer to Buckingham. Whilst his ships are making ready he is settling his private affairs, that he may place himself altogether in the West parts. Begs that he may have the new pinnace, the Spy; and that the Commissioners may have orders to expedite his ship.

Oct. 16. Howlett. 96. The same to Nicholas. Has been in Sussex. Desires his furtherance with the Duke, that he may have the Spy, and an increase in his entertainment; also that his ship may be speeded out. Sends letters to Sir John Finch, in Gray's Inn.

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Oct. 17. 1. Acknowledgment of the officers of an English custom house, that David Chamberlain had paid duty upon 16½ tons of oil shipped for Rouen, on board a ship, ——— Owyne, Master. [*Partly illegible.*]

Oct. 17. 2. Richard Marow, Purser of the Desire, to ———. After setting the Duchess ashore they gave chase to certain Dunkirk sloops, which got into Calais harbour, whence came out two shallops and fired upon the English.

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Oct. 17. 3. Inventory of lading of a Flemish ship from Barbary, brought into Stokes Bay by Capt. Sacheverell.

Oct. 17. 4. Examination of Henry Marden, respecting the removal, by John Hastings, ——— Jeffreys, Edwd. Byworth, and others, of a stone set on Tower Hill as a mark-stone between the liberties of the City and the Tower.

Oct. 17. 5. Memoranda, by Nicholas, of business to be brought before the Council by the Duke:—That the ships to be furnished by Bristol might be sent to guard the Irish coast; that letters of marque might be granted to any one that would set forth ships, answering to the King for a third of what they should take; that the ships at the Elbe might be recalled; and that ships which had supplied the enemy might be confiscated, as well as those that attempted to do so.

Oct. 17. 6. Order of a Court of the City of London, that the Chamberlain should pay finding money for a further sum of 100*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* paid to him for the children of Thos. Snodham. [*See* 1626, *Sept.* 5, *Nos.* 28 *and* 29.]

Oct. 18. Chatham Dock. 7. Capt. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Recommends John Johnson for Boatswain of the Nonsuch, on the death of the present Boatswain.

Oct. 18. Chatham Dock. 8. The same to the same. Recommends John Waller, to be appointed by warrant Clerk of the check and accompt of making the new cordage at Chatham.

Oct. 18. 9. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Chester to Sec. Conway. Certify the good service rendered by Arthur Humberstone, one of the officers from the Low Countries, in disciplining the Trained Bands of their division of the county.

Oct. 18. 10. Edw. Viscount Wimbledon to Nicholas. The Duke was content that the business should go forward. As soon as the King has signed the warrant, the Viscount will be ready to present the money to his Majesty, or to whom he shall appoint. The Viscount forgot to remind the Duke that the Viscount's brother Tufton [Toffen], have no wrong if there be any other barons made, for that he is an ancient baronet.

Oct. 18. Dover Castle. 11. Sir John Hippisley to the same. Dissatisfaction with a sentence in the Admiralty, in which it is pretended that his brother captured certain ships brought in by him as prizes, whereas he really found them floating at sea. Sir John is breaking up the Have-at-all. Hears that Capt. Burley is abandoning the John and Fortune, leaky, at the Isle of Wight. Wishes to know how the business is like to stand with France, that he may provide accordingly. Hears that all men are released to go for France. If it be so, desires that he may not be the last that knows of it. Begs him to send the paper inclosed, and aid his brother what he may. [*On*

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the back of this letter is a letter from Nicholas to Richard Wyan, in which he refers Sir John's letter to him, and begs that Capt. Hippisley may not be wronged in his absence.] *Incloses,*

11. I. *Statement by Capt. Richard Hippisley of the circumstances in which he found the ships above mentioned, and brought them into Dover.*

Oct. 19. Whitehall. 12. Order of Council, that the Lord Admiral might order the merchants who freight the Rainbow to transport into Barbary Capt. John Harrison, his Majesty's agent for that country, with six pieces of field ordnance and proportionate ammunition, Capt. Quaile, of the St. Mary, pretending that he is not able to perform that service. 280*l.* should be paid to the merchants.

Oct. 19. Stepney. 13. Commissioners for his Majesty's Loan [for co. Middlesex] to the Council. John Brookes, Edward Bastwick, and Wm. Webb had contemptuously refused to take an oath before the Commissioners, which will prove very prejudicial if they go unpunished.

Oct. 19. 14. Case submitted to Dr. Thos. Ryves and six other Doctors of the Civil Law, as to whether ships of Lubeck which had stolen round the North of Ireland and carried corn to Spain, but on their return were captured by an Englishman, were good prize. [*Copy. Underwritten is the opinion of the seven Doctors, all in the affirmative.*]

Oct. 19. 15. Certificate of Aquila Weekes, keeper of the Gate House, that John Trumbull, a Romish priest, remained in his custody.

Oct. 19. 16. Similar certificate of Edward James, clerk and deputy of Newgate, in relation to Wm. Younge, Wm. Valentine, Peter Curtis, Hen. Wyvell, Thos. Owen, Wm. Sturley, Wm. Bostock, John Crayford, and Mary Martin, for refusing the oath of allegiance.

Oct. 19. 17. Similar certificate of Robt. Davison, bailiff of the Clink, in relation to Wm. Warmington and Edmond Canon, priests, "and hath taken the oath of allegiance."

Oct. 19. 18. Similar certificate of Charles Hawes, for the King's Bench, in relation to Thos. Johnson.

Oct. 19. 19. Petition of ——— Clifton to Buckingham:—Being given to understand that the Duke intends to appoint a Muster Master for ships employed for his Majesty, prays that he may be appointed.

Oct. 19. 20. Sa. Ward, of Ipswich, to Nicholas. Whoever informed the Duke that there was wrong done him in the pulpits of Ipswich, did the town an ill office and the Duke no very good one. The writer ever prayed heartily for the Duke's prosperity. He had heard some mutterings and private whispering, of which he acquainted Mr. Nuttall; they proceeded from a man of mean note and unworthy of notice. Recommends Mr. Blosse to Nicholas.

Oct. 20. 21. Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of London to the Council. In the 25th of Elizabeth the City became bound for a great sum of

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money lent to her Majesty by Sir Horatio Pallavicino. Afterthe death of Sir Horatio, and in the reign of King James, repayment of part of the money was claimed by Fabricio Pallavicino, brother of Sir Horatio, and such satisfaction was then given as has quieted the business ever since ; but now Toby Pallavicino, son of Sir Horatio, having lately obtained administration, lays claim to 14,000*l.* of the said debt, and threatens to arrest goods of London merchants found in foreign parts. The petitioners pray that the City may be discharged, and the merchants be freed from fear of arrest of their goods.

Oct. 20. 22. Commissioners for the Loan in the Tower Hamlets [to the Council]. Report the result of calling before them the inhabitants of their district, who consisted for the most part of poor seafaring men. Return their names and answers, and also two lists : 1, Of those who had notice, but did not appear ; and 2, Of those who appeared, but refused to lend. Two of the latter stated that it was commonly said in Wapping, Ratcliffe, and Limehouse, that if it were done by Parliament they would pay anything, even 5, 6, or 10 subsidies, but by this course they would not do anything.

Oct. 20. 23. The King to Commissioners for the Loan. By former instructions the King required that all refractory persons should be bound over to appear at the Council table, but his Majesty's intention was not to have the Board troubled with every ordinary person, but only with those whom the Commissioners should think fit; for the rest who refuse to assist with their purses, it is the King's pleasure that they should do so with their persons, and to that end they should be bound to appear in the Military Yard, near St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to be enrolled amongst soldiers to be employed for the King's service.

Oct. 20. 24. Certificate of Alphabet Faierclough and seven others, druggists of London, that aurum pigmentum is not used for any other purpose than painting or colouring, or for apothecaries, and not for making matches. [*This has relation to six barrels of aurum pigmentum, laden on board the Esperance, of Hamburgh, bound for Oporto.*]

Oct. 20. Poplar. 25. Wm. Burrell to Nicholas. George Wiggens has been employed as boat-maker at Chatham for seven years. [*Underwritten is a recommendation from Phineas Pett of the person above-named for the office of Master Boat-maker at Chatham.*]

Oct. 20. 26. Certificate of Chr. Wilson and two others, that Dawtry Cooper was captain of a ship taken by the Moon 15 years ago.

Oct 20. 27. Certificate of Sir Henry Merwyn and 3 others, that Dawtry Cooper was competent to command a ship.

Oct. 20. 28. Petition of Guilmette, wife of Capt. George Heigham, to Buckingham. Sets forth the circumstances of the dispute between her husband and his Lieut. Matthews, and prays that the same may be referred to various high military persons for determination. [*Underwritten is a reference of the same by the Duke of Buckingham to Lord Wimbledon, Lord Valentia, and Sir Wm. St. Leger.*]

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Oct. 21. Ravenshelme. 29. Thos. Lyddell [?] to his brother Sir Henry Anderson. Apprises him of letters having been intercepted, and mentions their contents. The mariners went to the Lord Admiral for pay, and forced [their way] to speak to him. He promised them pay the next day, on which there was a proclamation that no mariners should come near the Court. The City stands to appoint their own commanders in their ships, which with much ado is agreed to, but my Lord says he will appoint a General, but this they do not agree to, so their ships lie still. The intercepted letters will apprise the Lords what these people think of their government. All things are uncertain; sometimes they [the Roman Catholics] are persecuted and again they are eased of a sudden.

Oct. 21. 30. Sir Wm. Heydon and Wm. Burrell to Buckingham. Having been directed to frame a rule for the true measuring of ships, they had advised with Mr. Gunter, Mr. Wells, and Capt. Pett, and had agreed upon the rule now presented. *Inclose,*

30. I. *Statement of the proceedings of Messrs. Gunter, Wells, and Pett in the formation of a rule for measuring the ton and tonnage of ships; with the rule which they recommend for adoption.*

30. II. *Statement of the difference between the results of the new proposed rule and that lately contrived by the shipwrights.*

Oct. 21. 31. Deposition of John Adrianson, late Master of the ship Bread and Beer Pot, formerly taken by Captain Richard Hippisley:—Having commission for the restitution of his ship, he went therewith to Dover to demand his ship; Richard Hippisley said she was gone with the King's fleet; deponent demanded 8,000 guilders for her, Sir John Hippisley offered 3,000.

Oct. 21. 32. Similar deposition of John Johnson, late Master of the Hope, also taken by Captain Richard Hippisley:—His ship was refused to be delivered unless he would pay salvage.

Oct. 21. 33. Similar deposition of Dowe Gossens, late Master of the White Swan, also taken by Captain Richard Hippisley:—His ship was refused unless he would pay money.

Oct. 21. 34. Muster roll of Dover Castle for the year ending at Michaelmas last.

Oct. 21. 35. Similar Muster roll of Moates Bulwark.

Oct. 21. Brentford. 36. Commissioners for the Loan in co. Middlesex. Certificate that 13 persons therein named, being all men of reasonable ability, refused to contribute to the loan. [*Indorsed is a memorandum that a warrant was issued by the Council against the persons named, on the 23rd October.*]

Oct. 21. 37. Certificate of Sir Morris Abbot, Governor, with the Deputy and Committee of the East India Company, in favour of Lieutenant Philip Hill to be appointed Captain of one of the ships furnished by the City.

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Oct. 21. Deptford. 38. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. For warrant to pay 20s. per day to Sir Henry Mainwaring, as Captain of a ship in the fleet under Lord Rutland, in the voyage to Spain to fetch the present King home in 1623.

Oct. 22. Pendennis. 39. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. Desires that his kinsman Jonathan Rashleigh may be kept from being Sheriff. Vessels from the fleet had arrived at Pendennis and Plymouth, driven back by stormy weather and leaks. Rumour of death of Lord Willoughby. Stay of shipping a great hindrance to trade. Distressed condition of himself and his soldiers for want of pay.

Oct. 22. 40. Report of injuries sustained by various ships in the fleet under Lord Willoughby, and especially of the damage done to the Triumph, the Admiral's ship, in a storm on the 12th and 13th inst., which compelled him to return to England.

Oct. 22. 41. Copy of the same with some variations.

Oct. 22. 42. The like with other variations.

Oct. 22. 43. Further return from the Clerk of the Peace, co. Surrey, setting forth what proceedings have been instituted against Joan Melbury for recusancy.

Oct. 23. 44. Certificate of eight ministers of the City of London, in favour of the ministerial gifts and exemplary life of Mr. Griffin Spencer.

Oct. 23. Dover Castle. 45. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. The suit respecting the French prizes should be tried in the Admiralty Court in London. Begs Nicholas to aid Capt. Hippisley, who will find little favour, on Sir John's account. If the soldiers are not paid they will hardly be kept together.

Oct. 23. Falmouth. 46. Capt. Jas. Duppa to the same. Rumour of a great prize taken by the Vice Admiral. Capt. Duppa's ship so out of trim that he was forced to put his guns in the hold; if they had had at sea the weather they have had since they came into Falmouth, they had perished. About 20 English and Dutch men-of-war off [the Western] Islands, but he fears they come home without purchase.

Oct. 23. Westminster. 47. Letters patent for granting the office of Chamberlain of the co. Palatine of Chester to Wm. Earl of Derby, and Jas. Stanley, Lord Strange, his son and heir apparent, and the survivor, for life, a former grant to the Earl of Derby, dated Sept. 30, 1 James, having been surrendered. [*Attested Copy.*]

Oct. 23. Whitehall. 48. Order of Council:—That a Dutch ship detained at Falmouth on suspicion of piracy be put into the hands of the Ambassador of the United Provinces; and that a galliot found at sea by the Charles abandoned by her men be restored to her owners.

Oct. 23. 49. Henry Viscount Dunbar to Nicholas. Relates the subsequent fate of the vessel cast ashore at Barmeston. Sir Matthew Boynton challenged the ship in his own right, and the officers of the Admiralty gave way to him. The Commissioners are busy on the subject.

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Oct. 24. 50. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend John Pett, son of Capt. Phineas Pett, for Captain of the Henriette.

Oct. 25. Whitehall. 51. Order of Council:—That complaints having been made of foul abuses and misdemeanours committed by Sir John Eliot in his office of Vice Admiral of co. Devon, the Lord Admiral be prayed to sequester him, and to appoint some other person in his place.

Oct. 25. Appledore. 52. John Bishop to John Drake. A Turkish ship taken by the French had been compelled to put into Barnstaple by stress of weather; she was stayed by Sir John Eliot's Marshal, whereupon the Captain is gone to Sir John. He had viewed the Fortune, of Hamburgh, and could find nothing aboard but pickled lemons.

Oct. 25. Whitehall. 53. Order of Council:—That the Lord Admiral should grant letters of marque to the two ships furnished by the Cinque Ports, and that ships furnished by Bristol should be employed to guard the Irish coast

Oct. 25. Whitehall. 54. Order of Council:—Various prize ships which have been adjudged to the King lying useless, and sundry gentlemen having offered to victual and man them if the King will repair them and supply ordnance, letters of marque being granted to the adventurers, who are to answer to the King for one-third of the profits, the Lord Admiral is prayed and required to carry out that arrangement.

Oct. 25. 55. Duplicate of the preceding order.

Oct. 25. 56. Mayor of Dover to Nicholas. Recommends Capt. Ward for command of one of the Cinque Port ships, in place of Capt. Cockrom resigned.

Oct. 25. Dover Castle. 57. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The Earl of Warwick having two ships lying in the Downs, bound for some voyage, as they say, two Hamburghers were driven in thither by foul weather, and there being no King's ship there, the Earl of Warwick's ships made stay of them. Sir John desires to be instructed whether they are prize. They are laden with cables and cordage for Spain.

Oct. 26. Whitehall. 58. Buckingham to Nathaniel Goodlad. Commission as Captain of the William and John, one of the ships fitted out by the City of London.

Oct. 26. Whitehall. 59. The same to John Totton. Similar commission for him to be Captain of the Benediction.

Oct. 26. The Tower. 60. Sir Allen Apsley to Nicholas. Recommends Charles Chipp to succeed Thos. Large as Cook of the Merhonor.

Oct. 26. 61. [Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. of co. Hants,] to his Dep. Lieuts. Recommends a speedy compliance with the order of Council for not billeting soldiers within Portsmouth. [*Draft.*]

Oct. 27. 62. Wm. Viscount Mansfield to the Council. Reports minutely his proceedings with reference to the Musters of the Trained Bands, and as to the general military condition of co. Nottingham.

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Oct. 27. 63. Commissioners of the Navy to Andrew Burrell, Master Shipwright, Matthew Brooke, Clerk of the Check at Portsmouth, and others. Sundry ships of the last fleet having returned to Portsmouth, they are to call the Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter, and Purser of every ship to account for their stores and provisions.

Oct. 27. Rotherhithe. 64. Sir Thos. Love to Nicholas. Requests him to insert John Thompson in the warrant for Sandwich Castle as a Gunner, in place of Andrew Rand, who had gone to the Straits. This appointment was in the room of Thomas Deane, deceased.

Oct. 27. 65. Certificate of Wm. Towerson and five others, as to the sufficiency of Thos. Sherwyn to be a Commander in the King's service.

Oct. 27. 66. Committee of the City of London for fitting out 20 ships to Nicholas. John Thornbush, one of the 20 Captains presented by the City, having been left out [by the Lord Admiral], they request that he may be appointed Captain of the Adventure.

[Oct. 27 ?] 67. List of ships at anchor in the Thames, with various particulars respecting them; seven of them being thought fit for the service required of the City of London.

Oct. 27. Strachleigh. 68. Sir Geo. Chudleigh to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. The Commissioners [at Plymouth] had done the best to satisfy the contractors for the soldiers' clothes, but a new work has risen up, that is, to give content to the contractors' creditors. Ball, a contractor, has been thrown into prison by one Beard; the writer wishes the Council to interfere, as such a severity is a contempt and injury to his Majesty's service.

Oct. 28. 69. Petition of Joan Melbury to the Council:—On the 22nd Sept. a trunk and an iron chest were seized by warrant of Sec. Coke, in which were 200*l.* in gold, 120*l.* in plate, all her bonds and writings, and some controversial books belonging to her late husband; Mr. Sec. had been informed that petitioner was a convicted recusant, but that appears by certificates of the Clerk of the Estreats and others not to be the case; prays that her goods and writings may be redelivered to her.

Oct. 28. 70. Commissioners for the Loan in the Tower Hamlets to the Council. Return the names of persons who having been twice summoned have not appeared, and of those who refused to subscribe to the loan. The total underwritten was 1,226*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Oct. 28.] 71. Petition of Nicholas Poiran, of "Oldenbergh," in France, master and owner of the Bragolona, to the Council:—Returning from Malaga to Calais, his ship was captured off Boulogne by a King's ship, and brought into the Thames; being a subject of the French King, he prays for the restoration of his ship and cargo.

Oct. 28. 72. Affidavit of William Awtherson, that the trunk, goods, and gold taken from him by Dyer, a pursuivant, were his property.

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Oct. 28. Pole, co. Montgomery. 73. Sir John Bridgeman to the Council. Had taken the best course he could for restraint of the resort of persons ill-affected in religion to St. Winifred's well; and that with such good effect, that whereas heretofore there was all the summer a usual resort thither of people in troops, both men and women, many being of note, by way of pilgrimage, there had not been any such repair this last summer. Sets forth also his proceedings taken generally against recusants.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. 74. Order of Council:—That the officers of the navy should take a survey of the navy, and certify the true state thereof to that Board.

Oct. 29. Steelyard. 75. John Heldt to Nicholas. To remind the Duke of Buckingham to perform his promise to the Ambassadors of Hamburgh by giving order for the release of Leys Neybuhr, a Hamburgher, who had been lying prisoner in the Marshalsea for nine months under suspicion of being a Dunkirker.

Oct. 29. 76. E. Drake to the same. Sends a letter about the ship come into Barnstaple. What Sir John Eliot will do with her he knows not; he thinks, discharge her, as he did the other ship, therefore he has sent up a messenger to acquaint the Duke. Thinks the ship is the King's. [*Probably the letter inclosed is the one calendared under date of* 1626, *Oct.* 25., *Vol.* xxxviii, *No.* 52, *although that is addressed to "John Drake."*]

Oct. 29. 77. Petition of William Allart, Master of the Hosanna, of Rochelle, to the high and mighty Prince, the Duke of Buckingham:—He brought his ship laden with wine into Bristol, and there sold his goods, but the Mayor has arrested both ship and money; prays for their restoration, and a pass to Rochelle. [*Underwritten is a verification of the contents by A. de Ridouet de Sance.*]

Oct. 30. 78. Petition of Jeremy Alley to Buckingham:—The appointment of Water Bailiff of Dover is in the Crown, but it is customary for the Lord Warden to commend the appointment by his letter directed to the Corporation; having a grant of the office, he prays for the Duke's letter.

Oct. 30. 79. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Recommend Joshua Letherland for locksmith and supplier of nails for the navy.

Oct. 30. 80. Yearly values in the King's books of the benefices of Headley, Niton, Wey, Milford, Godshill, and Carisbrooke, all in the co. Southampton.

Oct. 31. 81. Petition of the Farmers for the pre-emption of tin to the Council:—Complain of the embargoes laid upon their goods at Rouen, and pray that a course may be taken for their release.

Oct. 31. Bristol. 82. Wm. Willett to Nicholas. Sends appraisement of the Mary and the Second Prince, two prizes. The adventurers will not deal until an irrevocable sentence has been given, or Nicholas's undertaking for it. A prize sent home by Capt. Ellis had been wrecked. *Incloses,*

82. 1. *Appraisement before mentioned.*

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Oct. 31. Peckham. 83. Sir Thomas Grymes to Sec. Coke. Reports the result of a search in certain trunks removed from the house of Wilfrid Brand, in Camberwell. Their contents principally belonged to Lady Roper and Martin James. The latter professed his willingness to take the oath of allegiance.

Oct. 31. Chichester. 84. Henry Manners to Sir Charles Manners. If an untimely death happen to the Duke, it cannot be well with their relation the Duchess, and the loss of the King's Majesty would turn to civil war; wherefore let the Duke have a care of his house in the time of mustering soldiers in London, and let him certify the King. If the writer be sent for, he will find out the traitor who spoke the words.

[Oct. 31.] 85. Petition of John Price to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord President:—Of the debt claimed by Martha Powell there is not one penny due; a bond was procured from him without consideration, which he has paid, but has filed a bill in Chancery for relief; the misdemeanors complained of are covered by a coronation pardon; prays for his discharge.

Oct. Whitehall. 86. [Buckingham] to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure that he should draw up a grant to Sir Nicholas Tufton of the dignity of Lord Tufton, Baron of Hothfield, co. Kent. [*Copy.*]

Oct. Dover. 87. Sir John Hippisley, the Mayor of Dover, and James Hugessen, the younger, to the Council. They certify the results of their examination of Michael Bourley and the widow of Lewis Van Damme, respecting various prize goods by them concealed.

Oct. 88. Justices of co. York to the Council. The inhabitants within the liberties of Langbargh, in the North Riding, answered the application for a voluntary gift, that they are poor farmers at racked rents, their landlords not dwelling amongst them, whereby the country is disappointed of the use of the money which issueth out of it. The place is a very straight and narrow part of the country, hemmed in by the sea on the one side, and a great vast and waste moor on the other. For two years past the inhabitants have been charged with the continuous watch of the beacons and training of soldiers; and the sea, which formerly brought them profit, is now so haunted with pirates that no ships dare pass nor fishermen hardly go to sea.

89. Inventory, attested by Sir John Drake, of the Duke's tenth taken out of the Lion, of Calais, brought into Bristol by the Charles.

[Oct. ?] 90. Petition of English merchants trading to France to the Council:—Complain of a seizure made of the petitioners' ships and goods by order of the Parliament of Rouen, in consequence of the capture by the King's fleet of three ships belonging to merchants of that place; pray that the three ships may be sequestered to the petitioners' use until their ships and goods are freely discharged.

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[Oct.] 91. "Advices upon the present state of English Catholics, as well of the Queen's House as of his Majesty's dominions," written in opposition to the claim of the Pope to institute and distribute the ecclesiastical persons who formed part of the Queen's Household.

[Oct.] 92. Copy of the preceding.

[Oct.] 93. Another copy.

[Oct.] 94. Answer to the claim of the King of France to appoint the ecclesiastics in the Queen's house.

[Oct.?] 95. Statement by Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour, of his object in petitioning the King, that he might buy the remainder of some of his lands out of the Crown. He has two projects to suggest for raising benefit to the King; the lesser whereof he would reveal on reasonable conditions. It would be far less displeasing to the realm, more honest and just, and of greater value, than the loan that is now laboured for.

[Oct.?] 96. Statement by Lord Arundel of Wardour of his three demands, on compliance with which he will communicate his project for raising money for the King. They are, 1, Permission to buy the remainder of half his lands out of the Crown; 2, A fifth part of the profit derived from his project; and, 3, Security from the penalties of his recusancy.

[Oct.?] 97. Note, by Sir Alexander Steward, on the measures necessary to be taken to procure the levy of 6,000 men in Scotland, for the assistance of the King of Denmark.

[Oct.?] 98. Henry Billingsley to [Nicholas?]. Gives an outline of the case between Chas. Lord Stanhope and Matthew de Quester. On the King's reference to the Council, [*see* 1626, *Sept.* 9. *No.* 55.] the cause had been partly heard. The person addressed is requested to move the Duke to procure the appointment of another day of hearing. Billingsley adds: "And for your worship's favour and furtherance that it may be effected, I promise to gratify your worship with 100*l.*, as much as is promised unto Mr. Kirk, who is and hath been ready to perform as much as I can require."

[Oct.?] 99. Petition of John Meredith to Henry Earl of Holland, Captain of the Guard:—Petitioner and his wife having been arrested by Robert Swallow and John Jackson, within the liberty of Great St. Bartholomew's, had appealed to the Earl of Holland, who sent an order for their discharge; the Earl's order having been disregarded, and having now lain in prison a fortnight, he prays that he and his wife may be forthwith enlarged.

[Oct.?] 100. Petition of the same and Joan his wife to Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord President:—They had now remained in prison three weeks; pray for a warrant to the Keeper of Newgate for their enlargement gratis, and that the Sergeants who arrested them may be committed.

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1626. [Oct.?] 101. Petition of Timon Jacobson, John de Swane, and Andrew Verspeiten to Sec. Coke:—Their petition to the Council [*see* 1626, *Oct.* 7, *No.* 48.] was deferred in consequence of the absence of Sec. Coke; pray him to be a means that they may receive an answer.

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1626. Nov. 1. 1. Award of Francis Windebank in settlement of disputes between John Miller and Alice his wife, administrator of Henry Browne, and Thomas Streate, and John Streate. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 1. 2. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend Thos. Cooke for Boatswain of the Garland. *Inclose,*

2. 1. *Certificate of Capt. Phineas Pett and five others, that Thos. Cooke is competent to fill the place of Boatswain in one of his Majesty's ships.*

Nov. 1. St. Osyth. 3. Commissioners for the Loan within the hundreds of Tendring and Lexden and the half-hundreds of Winstry, Thirstable, and Witham, co. Essex, to the Council. The people in those parts who had appeared before the Commissioners were for the most part very willing and forward to lend, except a few whose names were certified. The willing will be much discontented if those that stand out go free. Some persons in the last subsidy book are utterly decayed. Desire authority to take from them what they can afford. *Inclose,*

3. 1. *Names of ten persons who refused to lend, of thirty-three who did not appear, and of Commissioners who did not attend.*

Nov. 1. Chester. 4. Wm. Earl of Derby to the Council. Sends report respecting the general military condition of co. Chester. *Incloses,*

4. 1. *Dep. Lieuts. to the Earl of Derby, being the report above mentioned.* 1626, *Oct.* 13.

[Nov. 1.] 5. Points contained in the information of Henry Marden [mistermed "Warden"] respecting the removal of a bound or mark-stone on Tower Hill. [*See* 1626, *Oct.* 17. *No.* 4.]

[Nov. 1.] 6. Copy of the preceding, without the mistake as to Marden's name.

[Nov. 1.] Explanation given by Sir Allen Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower, of the removal of the mark-stone before mentioned. The stone was asserted to have been improperly set up by the City on the King's inheritance. [*See Vol.* xxxix., *No.* 5.]

[Nov. 1.] Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* xxxix., *No.* 6.]

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Nov. 1. 7. Answer of Ralph Hastings, Steward of the Tower, and William Jeffries, Lieut. of Sir Allen Apsley's company, to the information of Henry Marden.

Nov. 1. 8. Copy of the preceding.

[Nov. 2.] 9. Statement made by the Lord Admiral to the Council respecting the condition of the navy, and the large sum [in the whole 100,000*l.*] due on account thereof; with a suggestion for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the same. [*Draft.*]

Nov. 3. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Viscount Colchester and his heirs male, of the dignity of Earl Rivers, with remainder to Sir Thos. Savage and the heirs male of his body; there being also granted to the said Sir Thos. the dignity of Viscount Savage, to hold to himself and the heirs male of his body. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 14.]

[Nov. 3.] 10. Petition of George Greene, Mayor of Chichester, to the Council. The Lords having freed him from the charge of contempt, he prays that Thos. Whatman may be directed to pay the Messenger's charges.

Nov. 3. 11. Charges of the same George Greene for riding post from Chichester, himself, man, and guide, to London, on his Majesty's service; total, 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Nov. 3. 12. Assignment by George Cripps to Thos. Large [Lardge], of the place of cook in the Warspite.

Nov. 3. 13. Affidavit of Ralph Dodd, that the trunk taken out of his house by Dyer, a Pursuivant, belonged to William Awtherson.

Nov. 3. 14. Account of sea stores delivered to the Triumph, Red Lion, Swiftsure, and Bonaventure, for the Expedition of 1626, with the remainders thereof, and also of the state of the rigging of those ships on their going to sea and on their return.

Nov. [3?] 15. Numbers of men mustered on board the Triumph and other on ships in Stokes Bay, under the command of Lord Willoughby.

Nov. 3. 16. Account of receipts, expenditure, and remains of victuals belonging to ships at Portsmouth, under the command of Lord Willoughby.

Nov. [3.] 17. Acount of the Swiftsure's victuals on her return to Portsmouth.

Nov. [3.] 18. Similar account for the Bonaventure.

[Nov. 3.] 19. Similar account for the Convert, of Ipswich, the Tiger, and the Susan, of Aldborough.

Nov. 3.] 20. Account similar to the preceding for the Susan and Ellen, the Esperance, the Mary Magdalen, of London, and others.

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Nov. 3. 21. Audited account of Attorney General Heath, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, of all his receipts and payments as such Treasurer from the Feast of St. Hilary last past, to November 3, 1626.

Nov. 4. Westminster. Indenture between the King and Sir Robert Harley, appointed Master and Worker of the Mint, for coining money in such sort as was agreed by Sir Randill Cranfield, and to receive thereout only the fee of 500*l.* per annum. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 15.]

Nov. 4. 22. Robt. Long to [Sec. Conway]. Received from Mr. Edward Clarke a bill for allowance of 40*l.* for his transportation, in his late employment, into France; having lost the same, the writer begs for another bill for the same allowance.

Nov. 4. 23. Certificate of Sir Allen Apsley and five others, that Thomas Austen was competent to be a Master in one of his Majesty's ships.

Nov. 4. 24. Names of men pressed in St. Clement Danes by warrant from the Commissioners of the Navy.

Nov. 4. Whitehall. 25. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. It is agreed to admit a French Chamberlain to the Queen, a Bishop, and some others. Lord Denny created an Earl; Sir Nicholas Tufton a Baron; Lord Colchester, Earl Rivers; and Sir Thos. Savage a Viscount. Sir Francis Barrington and his son-in-law, Sir Wm. Massam, committed for refusing to subscribe to the loan. The Lords of the Council had been at Hicks's Hall, at Lambeth, Greenwich, Romford, and Barnet, and most gentlemen subscribed to lend as much as they are rated at in the subsidy book. The Judges have paid their money; the Inns of Court subscribed. Lords Denbigh and Willoughby returned. The Duke makes a great feast on the morrow to Bassompierre. The King goes shortly to Newmarket.

Nov. 4. The Tower. 26. Sir Wm. Parkhurst to Thos. Meautys, Clerk of the Council. The officers of the Mint have subscribed to the loan.

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Gives account of the despatch for sending the four regiments into the Low Countries to the assistance of the King of Denmark. 3,000 new men must be levied here to supply the defects. How those men shall be paid, clothed, armed, &c. The Lord Vere will apply himself to the service. Consideration to be taken for entertainments to be proportioned to him and some other chief officers. Letters to be written to the King of Denmark. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 256.]

Nov. 6. Dover Castle. 27. Sir John Hippisley to the same. The Marquis Spinola is at Dunkirk, and has paid all the soldiers, which gives great content. Next spring-tide seven more ships are to come out. They build daily, and if care be not taken, they will be masters of the seas. The King's pinnace, the Desire, is leaky, and the Purser had been three weeks in London for powder, and could get none. All this

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while the King's pay goes on, and the pinnace does nothing, which is a grief to all men there. Hippisley wishes the Duke would leave the care of these things to some able man.

Nov. 6. Dover Castle. 28. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Sends certificates of how many ships and men there were in the ports. Urges attention to his letter to the Duke. *Incloses,*

28. I. *Certificate of the boats, mariners, and fishermen of Walmer.* 1626, *Oct.* 9.

28. II. *The like of Hythe.* 1626, *Oct.* 11.

28. III. *The like of Deal.*

28. IV. *The like of Ramsgate.*

Nov. 6. Pendennis. 29. Information given by Capt. Peter Jonson, of Flushing, respecting the Spanish West India fleet, of which he had brought in one ship as a prize. In the fleet were six galleons with a "lading of plate to the value of 22 millions." [*Copy.*]

Nov. 6. London. 30. Nathaniel Goodlad to Nicholas. Declines to serve as Captain in the William and John, one of the City ships, preferring to continue in the Peter and Andrew.

Nov. 6. Howlett. 31. Sir Hen. Palmer to Nicholas. Has attended the meetings for the loan, and joys to see the forwardness of those parts. At the meetings, not one man refused. Desires speedy order for making ready his ship; shall not be unthankful for his furtherance. Sends a gelding; his man tells him that "when he came upon the stones at London he found him trip."

Nov. 6. 32. Protection to John Colleton. [*See* 1625, *Dec.* 30. *Draft or copy, in the handwriting of Edmund Bolton; probably a paper suggested by him to be granted.*]

Nov. 6. 33. Commissioners of the Navy to the Clerk of the Check at Chatham. To enter Mr. Griffin Spencer as minister for his Majesty's ships in ordinary at Chatham. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 6. 34. Dr. Thos. Ryves to Nicholas. Sees no cause for staying the Charity, of Lubeck, taken by Capt. Cheyney.

Nov. 6. 35. Sir Benj. Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. Lord Willoughby is to go with 6,000 men to the King of Denmark. A ship worth 120,000*l.*, if she prove prize, had been brought into Portsmouth. A man of mean quality had been imprisoned, who, hearing one complain of the times said, he could remedy all by killing the Duke. The other replied, that it might be as ill after. Then he said, the King may be made away, and the Queen of Bohemia be sent for.

Nov. 7. Knowlton. 36. Edward Lord Wotton to Sec. Conway. He had been usually rated for the subsidy at 200*l.*, but in the last Parliament, although he had lost 1,000*l.* *per annum*, he was increased to 300*l.*, begs that the lower rate may be accepted for the loan. He must go in debt to procure even that amount.

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Nov. 7. Cave. 37. Sir Thos. Metham and Sir Wm. Alford to Buckingham. Report their proceedings under the Duke's commission with relation to the three ships cast ashore at Barmeston. Sir Matthew Boynton's absence prevents their coming to a knowledge of the goods in his possession. Their proceedings have been further called in question by the letter of which a copy is inclosed. *Inclose,*

37. 1. *Matthew Dodsworth to Sir Thos. Metham and Sir Wm. Alford. Gives them notice that for* 40 *years he has been established Judge of the Admiralty for those parts. In that character has sent a commission to Sir Matthew Boynton and Henry Griffith to take into their custody the goods in question, which commission he calls upon them to recognise.* 1626, *Oct.* 23.

Nov. 7. Grant of incorporation of the town of Queenborough, co. Kent. This grant was in lieu of one formerly signed by the King, but altered by direction of the Lord Keeper. It passed with the consent of the Lord Chamberlain, Constable of the castle of Queenborough. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* II., *No.* 16.]

Nov. 8. Westminster. Grant to Queen's College, Oxford, of the advowsons of the rectories of Headley, Niton and Weyhill, and the vicarages of Milford, Godshill, and Carisbrooke, co. Southampton. [*Ibid., No.* 17.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. 38. Order of Council, that a Commission under the Great Seal should be directed to the Lord President, the Lord Steward, the Earls of Bridgewater and Totness, Viscount Grandison, Lord Conway, Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Sir John Davies, his Majesty's Serjeant, the Attorney General, Sir Robt. Cotton, Sir Thos. Wilson, and Thomas Meautys, Clerk of the Council, to ascertain the facts respecting the placing and removal of the mark-stone on Tower Hill.

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Edw. Viscount Wimbledon. Acquainting him with complaints which officers make for being left out of the lists of those to whom monies are designed, as having been in Ireland; and desiring to know what answer to give them. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 257.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Charles Lord Stanhope. To be pleased to take order that a servant of his may pay a debt which he owes to one Collins. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Philip Burlamachi. To furnish Captain Huncks with 20*l.* hire, to be defalked out of his entertainment. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 8. 39. Examination of Thomas Wyles, servant of Wm. Ryvers, who is questioned respecting a book concerning the late King, lately printed by Ryvers in France.

Nov. 9. 40. Examination of Dorothy Manners, respecting a conversation in which Mr. Briddiman said, that the King was too much ruled by the Duke, and that the mariners came about his coach.

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Nov. 9. 41. Examination of Henry Manners respecting the seditious speeches uttered by Thos. Briddiman. He intimated that an attempt would be shortly made upon the life of the Duke by the soldiers at a muster in London.

Nov. 9. 42. Petition of the Master and Wardens of the Art or Mystery of St. Julian the Harbinger, of Innholders of the City of London, incorporated by King Henry VIII., to the King:—Complain that persons not members of their guild set up inns in London, so that out of 140 inns in London only 30 are under their control. Set forth various consequent inconveniences, and pray that all inns may be placed under their supervision. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Attorney and Solicitor General to report their opinion on the petition, and an appointment by them, dated* 1626, *Dec.* 14, *to consider the same on the Saturday following, "at the Chamber of Mr. Attorney General in the Temple."*]

[Nov. 9.] 43. Minute of the contents of the above petition; with copy of the reference.

Nov. 9. Plymouth. 44. Sir Jas. Bagg to Buckingham. The ships of Capt. Porter, Capt. Ellis, and Capt. Parker have been selected as the best to join Sir John Watts. They have been victualled out of the other ships. The West India fleet has arrived in Spain; the Brazil fleet had not arrived on the 16th Oct. Capt. Smart has brought in a Flemish or Hamburgh ship retaken from the Turks. Bagg hopes that Eliot's business will tend to his utter ruin; desires that that traitor's base ingratitude should appear to the world. The carvels shall be preserved and made good prize.

Nov. 9. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Presents the Lord Vere's reasons for not going into Denmark. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 257.]

Nov. 9. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir William Doddington. Gives him thanks for sending up certain intercepted papers, and wishes him to endeavour the apprehension of the party. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. 45. Requests made by the City of London; being various regulations respecting the employment of the ships of war furnished by them, with marginal minutes of the decision of the Council thereon.

Nov. 10. Portsmouth. 46. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. Had received his command to victual the Lion for five months; sends list of victuals taken from other ships, and of his remaining wants; great necessity for "provant clothes or money" for the sailors, who complain much. Suggests various changes of ordnance, and urges his special need of money. Has taken no victuals from Capt. Sacheverell, nor from Capt. Button in the Mary Magdalen, Capt. Knevett of the Hope, of Woodbridge, nor Sir John Hampden in the Lion, of Newcastle. Has sent to Cowes to the Dutch Admiral, and will acquaint him with his proceedings.

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Nov. 10. Charing Cross. 47. Margaret Lady Stanhope to Henry Earl of Manchester. Denies the assertion of Matthew de Quester, that the late Lord and herself were acquainted with his getting a patent to the prejudice of her son. The late Lord meant to have stirred in it, but death prevented him.

Nov. 10. Exeter. 48. Roger Polkinghorne to Sir Jas. Bagg. Informs him of the reported loss of several ships, and other damage done in a great storm. A Lubecker from Malaga had fallen into the lap of Capt. Harris, who had also taken a Frenchman from Bayonne. [*Underwritten is a note from Bagg, sending on the letter to Nicholas, "The Duke and I," he says, "have lost a ship."*

Nov. 11. Dover Castle. 49. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. The men who were to have come to Dover are no doubt detained by Sir Henry Marten, who will take any occasion to pay Sir John; but he fears him not. He comments on a petition sent him by the Duke [who had received it from some Ambassador]. Great suit for Mr. Husam to be Captain in Capt. Wilford's place, but Sir John wishes the companies equally divided between Mr. Leonard [Linerd] and him. Hears Sir Wm. Russell is to leave his place. He has not paid one penny yet for the John and Fortune.

Nov. 11. Bristol. 50. Mayor of Bristol to Buckingham. Incloses certificate of ships and mariners belonging to that city. *Incloses,*

50. I. *List of all ships belonging to the port of Bristol.*

50. II. *Names of all mariners belonging to the same city.*

Nov. 11. London. 51. Order of the High Court of Admiralty for the release of the Hope, of Calais, Jas. Papin, the Master, having given security that his lading shall not be carried to any of the King of Spain's dominions. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 11. Chester. 52. Wm. Earl of Derby to Sec. Conway. Commends the good deserts of Mr. Cotton, who had exercised the Trained Bands in co. Chester.

Nov. 12. Westminster. 53. The King to Queen's College, Oxford. Letters patent for granting to that College the advowsons and vicarages before mentioned. [*See* 1626, *Nov.* 8, *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 17. *Copy, attested by the Provost of the College.*]

Nov. 12. 54. Note of testimonials and recommendations given at Rome to Edward and Robert Herries, two Scottish gentlemen.

Nov. 12. 55. List of noblemen and gentlemen appointed to attend to the collection of the loan in certain counties; and to begin their journey immediately after the term.

Nov. 13. Westminster. 56. The King to Katherine Duchess Dowager of Lennox. The King had committed the management of the estate of James Duke of Lennox, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Keeper, the Chancellor of the Ex-

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chequer, and the Attorney General; but their weighty affairs not giving them time to look into the Duke's estate, and the Duchess being desirous to have the tuition and care of her son and his estate during his minority, the King confides the same to her, she accounting to the Archbishop and the rest. [*Copy.*]

[Nov. 13.] 57. Katherine Duchess Dowager of Lennox to the King. The persons to whom the Duchess assigned over the alnage, for the maintenance of her four younger children, being occupied in the King's weighty affairs, his Majesty is requested to appoint some persons to attend to the alnage after it shall come out of the hands of the Duchess of Richmond and Lennox, such persons being answerable to the Duchess of Lennox and the Earl Marshal. *Annexed,*

57. I. *Names of persons suggested for the above purpose.*

Nov. 13. Ash. 58. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. Professions of attachment to the service of the Duke and Nicholas. No difference should arise on his part between him and Sir James Bagg. Would send or go to Appledore for stay of the pirate ship there.

Nov. 13. Westminster. 59. The King to all Judges of Courts of Record in the City of London and elsewhere. The late King found the Strangers of the Dutch and French Churches sundry ways beneficial to this state, and Queen Elizabeth allowed them liberty, not only to celebrate divine service, but also to work in their several handicrafts. The King being informed by Sir Albertus Joachim, Ambassador of the States, that these Strangers are molested by informers on account of their not being freemen of London, his Majesty commands that they shall be permitted to enjoy all the privileges which have been granted to them. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 13. Westminster. 60. The same to Sir Charles Cæsar. Writ of prohibition to restrain proceedings in the Court of Audience, in a cause between Edward Shugborough and John Lambe, relating to the tithes of the hamlet of Sillsworth, otherwise Sillesworth, in the parish of Watford, co. Northampton. [*Office Copy.*]

Nov. 13. Order of the delegates of the University of Oxford appointed to determine all things relating to the fabric of the schools:—Considering the debt due from the University to the estate of Sir Thos. Bodley, they approve various contributions towards payment of the same already ordered, and recommend that the money expended in the Vice Chancellor's and Proctors' audit dinners should be applied to that use. [*Copy. Dom. Corresp.* 1615, *Nov.* 7.]

Nov. 14. 61. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Recommend John Harrison to be Boatswain of the Eagle, in the place of Thos. Cooke removed.

Nov. 14. 62. Mayor and Burgesses of Guildford, co. Surrey, to the King:—Pray for renewal of their charter, in order to bring within their jurisdiction two small parts of the town, called Stoke-above-Bars and

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Stoke Lanes, and also the demolished castle. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Attorney and Solicitor General to prepare a new charter, if thought convenient.*]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. 63. Order of Council:—That the Commissioners of the Navy and Masters of the Trinity House should be made acquainted with the new scheme for measuring ships suggested by Sir Wm. Heydon, Edmund Gunter, ——— Wells, and Phineas Pett; and Friday next was appointed to hear them thereon.

Nov. 15. Pendennis. 64. Information of Edward Hollester, Master of the Merchant Royal, of Dartmouth, respecting ships stayed at Rochelle on account of three French ships arrested at Falmouth. It was reported that the latter ships contained 2,500,000*l.* in coin.

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. 65. Owen Jennings to Sec. Conway. Sends affirmation of the crew of a Scotch ship just arrived in that harbour. *Incloses,*

65. I. *Affirmation of Adam Adamson and divers others of the Hope of Grace, of Burnt Island:—Their ship and the Fortune, of Leith, were surprised on the 14th inst. in the Channel by two Dunkirkers; they took what they would out of the Fortune, and sunk her, putting her men aboard the Hope of Grace; they carried off the two Masters and one of the mates for ransom; they set 150l. on the Master of the Hope.*

Nov. 15. 66. Sir Thos. Walsingham to Nicholas. Two merchants have claimed certain tobacco [in his custody as Vice Admiral of Kent], but he is confident they are not the right owners.

Nov. 15. 67. Petition of the Muscovia Company to the Council. By several charters the sole trade to Russia, with all discoveries, was granted to the Company. Divers years since they discovered the countries of Greenland and Groynland, now called King James's New Land. In May last they set forth a fleet of 12 ships for the whale fishing, under the command of Capt. Wm. Goodlad, who, arriving at Whale Head, found that nine ships of York and Hull had been there and taken away the Company's shallops, burned their casks, and spoiled their materials for the fishing, besides demolishing their houses and fort. Pray for warrants against Richard Prestwood and Richard Perkins, the principal agents in this contempt.

[Nov. 15.] 68. Notes by Sec. Conway, on the position of various ships, Dunkirkers, Hollanders, and others.

Nov. 15. Battersea. 69. Oliver Viscount Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe. Congratulations on his permission to return home. The Duke's speeches of Sir Thomas are very noble and gracious. He promises to present him to the King's favour, and will be careful of his good. His successor is Mr. Wyche, long employed in Spain. Lord Grandison's niece, Lady Roe, will be most welcome; her mother and aunt Egiocke are in good health.

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Nov. 16. 70. Names of all mariners within the Vice Admiralty of Sir Wm. Guise, in the city and co. of Gloucester; also, of all shipowners and their ships within the same Vice Admiralty.

Nov. 16. 71. Sir Wm. Fawnt to his cousin Sir Wolstan Dixie. Complains of the impositions laid on co. Leicester for supply of powder and other things for the public defence; and that he was unfairly dealt with in the assessment.

Nov. 16. 72. Five lists, relating to lands of recusants in various counties; in many cases the values are stated.

Nov. 17. Whitehall. 73. Order of Council:—That, in consequence of complaints of merchants trading in France of arrests of their ships and goods lately made in that country, no ships or goods of France should be suffered to pass out of London or the out ports until further order.

Nov. 17. Whitehall. 74. Order of Council:—That, at their next sitting appointed for Sunday afternoon, they would proceed to further debate and resolution on the complaints of merchants trading to France of the arrest of their ships and goods, and that in the meantime the Earl of Carlisle and others were to consider the draft of a Commission for a similar arrest to be made here.

Nov. 17. Dover. 75. Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Buckingham. Cannot, according to their ancient records and customs, admit Jeffrey Neave, as Deputy to Jeremy Alley, Water Bailiff, until Mr. Alley has first been sworn in, according to a form prescribed.

Nov. 17. Dover Castle. 76. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. In support of the preceding letter. He thinks Mr. Alley is ashamed to come to Dover, because his father and himself sold the office to Mr. Dansye, who paid 600*l.* for it. He held the office during the life of Alley the father, since which time, by a trick of law, the sale is said to be void.

Nov. 17. The King's Bench. 77. John Cusack to Sec. Conway's Steward of his house. Sends a petition, which is a brief of three preceding petitions. Offers Lord Conway 1,000*l.* if he will get it granted, and 2,000*l.* if the writer can recover his uncle's whole estate. He will also acknowledge him the preserver of an ancient house of English gentry in Ireland.

Nov. 17. 78. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Recommend that the Red Lion, which is to be Admiral of the King's forces at sea for five months, should not be victualled out of the remains of the late fleet. Send an estimate of the charges for fitting her for five months service, amounting to 1,685*l.* Have a present fear of lamentable disorder likely to ensue on account of the great expenses of past services, and the great numbers of men that clamour and cry out for their pay. Give a list of ships discharged, but for want of money kept on at a monthly charge of 1,782*l.*, the amount due to the men of these ships being 5,316*l.*; besides which 2,000*l.* is due to men discharged "on ticket," who run and clamour through the City and are ready to pull down the houses on the heads of the Commissioners;

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1626. 12,000*l.* is wanted for the ships coming in, and 1,000*l.* for the tonnage of merchant ships, besides which the stores are all exhausted, and 5,000*l.* is wanted to discharge the men at Chatham. Urge on the Duke the necessity of procuring an immediate expenditure of 13,000*l.* or 14,000*l.* on the navy.

Nov. 17. Whitehall. 79. Order of Council respecting the pending suits with reference to the lands and goods of Sir Noel Caron. Henry Dixon's suit being vexatious, for that no one could inherit from an alien made denizen save his issue, was to be stayed, an information in the Star Chamber to be suspended, and a suit in the Court of Wards to be referred to the Lord Treasurer and others for their opinion.

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Nov. 18. 1. George Montaigne, Bishop of London, to Bishop Laud of Bath and Wells. Dr. Everard had been with him and delivered a short and lame account of the doctrine he preached, which is inclosed. He has promised to give satisfaction on Sunday fortnight, but he is of unconstant disposition and labours more to disguise than to confess his fault. *Incloses,*

1. 1. *The account above-mentioned. The doctrine complained of was an assertion of the unlawfulness of prayer for temporal blessings. The account is signed "Jo. Everard."*

Nov. 20. 2. Order of Council, withdrawing the restraint of traffic with France so far as related to Ireland.

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir John Peyton and Sir Philip Carteret. Recommends to them Claude Personne, a French surgeon, who goes to live in the Channel Islands. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 257.]

Nov. 20. 3. Sir John Drake's account of the Duke of Buckingham's tenths of a vessel found floating on the sea by the George and the Abraham, and brought into Bristol in Oct. 1626.

Nov. 20. Dover Castle. 4. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The ports were suitors for the removal of the soldiers into the county, for which they had the Council's order, but it was altered by the Lord Chamberlain, being Lord Lieut. People think the Duke has as much power to do good to the ports as the Lord Chamberlain to the county. Hippisley begs the Duke to appoint a preacher in the castle for that month (Mr. Griffen coming to his answer before the Council), as a religious work by which the Duke may gain the hearts of many men. They will not be able to keep the soldiers longer than that week without money. News that Count Mansfeldt has given the Emperor a great overthrow, and that Tilly has gone to his relief. The King of Denmark's Ambassador is there; he goes away to-morrow, and one of the King's pinnaces with him.

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Nov. 20. Dover Castle. 5. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Requests that a poor kinsman, who served under the Earl of Oxford at Breda, may be made a Lieutenant. Sends two Holland cheeses. Begs him once more to make his peace with the States Ambassador. Urges the appointment of a preacher in the castle, and a provision of money for the soldiers.

Nov. 20. 6. Memorandum by E. Drake, that he had delivered in two bonds for 449*l.* to Mr. Oliver, on account of the Portuguese prize brought into Exmouth by Capt. Crosse.

Nov. 20. Clerkenwell. 7. Robert Earl of Sussex to the Council. Applies as Lord Lieut. of Essex that 567*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, expended by that county for coat and conduct money in May 1625, may be paid out of the money received by the Commissioners for the Loan.

Nov. 20. Portsmouth. 8. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. The Lion is ready, except careening, which may be done in two days. The other ships, being wind bound, had demanded back again their provisions, which he had refused.

Nov. 21. Whitehall. 9. M. Oldisworth to John [for Edward] Nicholas. The Lord Steward wishes Nicholas to remind him of the widow Musgrave at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Nov. 21. Chatham. 10. Joshua Downing to the Commissioners of the Navy. Recommends Christopher Elmenstone for Boatswain of Chatham dockyard, in place of John Harrison removed to the Eagle.

Nov. 21. Aldersgate Street. 11. Sir Thos. Walsingham to Nicholas. Has consulted Sir Henry Marten about the tobacco. He is of opinion that all things forfeited on the water belong to the Lord Admiral.

Nov. 21. Amesbury. 12. Sir John Killigrew to Nicholas. Prays him to send a letter of marque in blank, or if that cannot be, let it be made out for the Hopewell, Capt. Burrage. If it thrives, will remember him. Suggests a letter, that if she should light on Campaine, to treat with him, and on what terms.

Nov. 22. Whitehall. 13. Order of Council:—That the Merchant Adventurers and all other companies of merchants might convey their own letters and despatches into foreign parts. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 22. 14. Return of the Commissioners of the Loan for the Tower division of co. Middlesex, containing:—1. Names of persons who have underwritten to the loan, with the amounts; total 2,037*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* 2. Names of persons at sea. 3. Names of persons who refuse to appear. 4. Names of persons who refuse to underwrite. 5. Names of persons sent for by warrant.

Nov. 23. Windsor. 15. Dean and Chapter of Windsor to Sec. Conway. At his request they had conferred the vicarage of Wraysbury on Mr. Beverley.

Nov. 23. Whitehall. Proclamation for the repair of noblemen and gentlemen to their mansion houses in the country, there to attend their services and keep hospitality. [*Coll. Procs. Car.* I., *No.* 55.]

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Nov. 23. Westminster. The King to the Treasurer, Chancellor, Under Treasurer, and Barons, of the Exchequer. Pardon and discharge to the Duke of Buckingham for pawning or disposing, according to the King's directions, of certain Crown jewels delivered to him by Lord Brooke out of the secret Jewel-house in the Tower by the order of the late King. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 18.]

Nov. 23. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Charles Morgan. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure for Mr. Fleetwood to have a company in the troops going for Denmark. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 257.]

Nov. 23. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Lord Willoughby being discharged from the service of Denmark, Lord Vere relies upon his Grace for the like discharge. But a resolution must be taken in that business, and speedily put in execution. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. 16. Order of Council:— That the wines of Peter Beroche, a French merchant, on board a ship stayed at Dover, should be delivered to Mr. Bell, to be brought to London for sale, he giving security to be accountable for the produce.

Nov. 24. 17. Commissioners of the Navy to Nicholas. Recommend Christopher Elmenstone for Boatswain of Chatham dockyard.

Nov. 24. 18. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The order of Council for stay of French ships had been sent thither by the Lord Treasurer to his own officers, and had been executed imperfectly by unworthy persons, which Sir John deems an affront to the authority of the Duke. The officer employed on this occasion was named Brames, and his deputy's name Windsor.

Nov. 24. Dover Castle. 19. The same to Nicholas. On the same subject as the preceding. The noise the business makes at Dover were too much to relate.

Nov. 24. Dover Castle. 20. The same to the same. One of the King's ships gone over with Mr. Clarke, the other is at the pier. A great difference between Capts. Burley and Bulger who shall be Admiral, which Hippisley begs Nicholas to get settled. Desires to be informed if there be any likelihood of a breach with France; if there be, he will not part with the Have-at-All.

Nov. 24. Portsmouth. 21. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. Had given instructions to Capt. John Harvey with six other commanders to stand off into the Channel, and to keep the sea unless forced back by storm or want of beer. Has chosen the Hope, the Lion, of Newcastle, and the Mary Magdalen to go to sea with him in the Red Lion, and sends note of provisions wanted, with various news of movements of ships. The Dutch Admiral Younker Williams was at sea with fourteen ships. *Incloses,*

21. I. *Note of provisions before mentioned.*

Nov. 24. From his house at Tavistock. 22. Edward Earl of Bath to Buckingham. Tenders his services for the Vice Admiralty of North Devon reported to be void.

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Nov. 25. Sec. Conway to Charles Lord Stanhope. On behalf of Hall, of Royston, in a difference between him and Haggar about the Postmaster's place. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 257.]

Nov. 25. Chatham. 23. Joshua Downing to Nicholas. Has arranged to apprentice Wm. Owen to Wm. Bunch, Boatswain of the Mary Rose. Recommends John Holland for a Purser's place. Is ill of fever.

Nov. 25. Doctors' Commons. 24. Sir Henry Marten to Nicholas. Objects to the Commission granted to Capt. Harrison to treat with the States of Barbary, of which Sallee is one, they being a company of pirates with whom there is no treating or confederacy.

Nov. 25. Bristol. 25. Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol to Buckingham. The ship they had equipped having been ordered to the coast of Ireland under Capt. Jones, they submit that, having victualled her for three months, they ought not to be again called upon to do so. They have already gone to an expense equal to four subsidies.

Nov. 25. Bristol. 26. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. Sends inventory of the goods of one of the French prizes at Bristol. A rich prize brought in by Capt. Ellis had been cast away. Has heard she had aboard a chain of gold and 500*l.* in money. Suggests that the Master, who is in London, should be examined. Has been at Appledore and has stayed the Frenchman, but there is since a warrant from Sir Henry Marten for her release.

Nov. 26. Whitehall. 27. The Council to the Benchers of the Inner Temple. Requiring payment of the money subscribed by them towards the loan, into Mr. Pitt's office of receipt in the Exchequer, to be there paid to Thos. Parramor, appointed Collector.

Nov. 26. 28. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. On his return from Portsmouth sends statement of the facts which can be proved respecting the Golden Herring, a prize brought in by Capt. Sacheverell. The facts comprise information respecting the then state of Sallee.

Nov. 26. Pendennis. 29. Capt. John Bonython to Sec. Conway. The French had stayed English ships at Bordeaux, and had laid a new imposition on wine. Reports news in the Channel. A Dutch fleet looking out for a fleet from Biscay laden with soldiers. Four Dunkirkers on the coast. Spoil of ships from Newfoundland by Turkish pirates. Defenceless condition of Pendennis; not a gun mounted, nor scarcely any ammunition; the soldiers in great misery, having had no money for three years.

Nov. 26. Westminster. Warrant to pay to George Earl of Totness, Treasurer General to the Queen, 12,260*l.* in satisfaction of a former warrant for 15,000*l.* for the Queen's own use, and 2,000*l.* for her clergy, for the year 1626; such former warrant having been granted to Jean de Caille, late Treasurer General to the Queen. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii., *No.* 19.]

Nov. 27. Week. 30. John Poulett to [Nicholas]. Pyne, the lawyer, rages like a mad dog. Sir Edward Hawley will acquaint "my Lord" with some

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things concerning him. Wishes his tongue were tied so that he were not suffered to plead in the King's courts, which were a punishment to him, who makes his living by his tongue, no less grievous than hanging.

Nov. 27. 31. Certificate that John Brooke was an able gunner and an ancient seaman.

Nov. 27. Portsmouth. 32. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. In four days after the Lion is careened she will be ready for her victuals, but they cannot be taken in until the beer be received, so that they may lay their ground tier. But beer cannot be brewed nor carpenters be paid without money.

Nov. 27. Portsmouth. 33. The same to Nicholas. Prays him to procure warrants and money for the purposes mentioned in the last letter. Will see the end of this service, but it will discourage him if he be not immediately supplied with victuals and necessaries. Has sent up his eldest son to attend to the business, and procure the necessary warrants and instructions. Wishes his son to be his Lieutenant.

Nov. 27. 34. Capt. Richard Gyffard to the same. Sends a proposal, entitled "A main and chief principle for the safety and honour of England, thorough which, and the good government and employment thereof, the soaring wings of the proud Spaniard may soon be clipt, the Dunkirks suppressed from doing any more hurt in his Majesty's seas, and all other ungrateful, unconstant, and lukewarm friends so curbed, as that his Majesty shall be feared and honoured of all, and not constrained to yield unto any dishonourable conditions, or to suffer his subjects to be daily wronged, as now they are in all places."

Nov. 28. Gravesend. 35. Capt. Thos. Philpot and twelve others, captains of ships furnished by the City of London, to Gabriel Marsh, Marshal of the Admiralty. Contrary winds had up to that time prevented their obeying the orders of the Lord Admiral, with all speed to put to sea towards Portsmouth. They had not been able to proceed farther than to Gravesend.

Nov. 28. Dover Castle. 36. Sir John Hippisley to the Council. In answer to a petition of John Adrianson and others against himself and his brother Richard Hippisley. [*See* 1626, *Oct.* 21, *No.* 31.]

Nov. 28. 37. Privy Seal in conformity with the warrant under the Sign Manual for payment to George Earl of Totness, of the sum of 12,260*l.* for the use of the Queen. [*Copy. See* 1626, *Nov.* 26, *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 19.]

Nov. 28. Westminster. 38. The King to Edward Earl of Dorset, Dudley Lord Carleton, Sir John Suckling, Sec. Coke, Sir Julius Cæsar, Master of the Rolls, Sir Henry Marten, and Dr. Thos. Ryves, King's Advocate. Commission authorising them to consider what accidents may fall out at sea between the King's subjects and strangers, and thereout to collect and set down such advices and directions as may tend to the preservation of peace and amity between the King, his subjects, and allies, the prevention of all abuses, and the maintenance of common justice.

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Nov. 28. 39. Wm. Earl of Banbury, Lord Lieut. of Berks, Dudley Lord Carleton, and Sir Thos. Edmondes to the Sheriff of Berks. Warrant directing him to summon the Commissioners for the Loan for that county to meet at Reading, on the 12th of December next, at 8 in the morning. [*Copy. Letters in the margin intimate who attended. Exclusive of certain high dignitaries, members of the Commission ex officio, none of whom attended, there were named in the Commission thirty-five other Commissioners, of whom ten attended, twenty-two were absent, two were dead, and one is queried.*]

[Nov. 28.] 40. The King to [Sir Thos. Richardson]. The Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas has used to appoint a clerk of the Treasury, anciently called the Clerk of Hell, for keeping the records of that Court. It is the King's pleasure that as soon as Sir Thos. had the Chief Justiceship he would admit Edward Nicholas to the said clerkship. [*Draft.*]

Nov. [28.] 41. Account of the just fees of the office of the Treasury, and to the Clerk of the same [in the Court of Common Pleas].

[Nov. 28.] 42. Extracts from the patent rolls of appointments by the King to the office of Keeper of the Rolls and Writs of the Court of Common Pleas.

Nov. 29. Whitehall. 43. The Council to Buckingham. To cause one company of the Trained Bands of that division of co. Middlesex next "Clarkton Well," to muster, at 8 o'clock on the morrow morning, at Woods Close, to attend such service as should be enjoined them.

Nov. 29. 44. Acknowledgment by Sir Nicholas Carew, that Melcah Hare, of Mitcham, widow, had paid 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* towards the loan.

Nov. 29. Portsmouth. 45. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. The fleet had sailed from Stokes Bay for the Downs with a favourable wind. His own ships had also gone out into the Channel for three days, all they could stay. Had redelivered victuals only to the Swiftsure, but if the ships for the Downs should be driven back, there would be great confusion. Urges his previous applications for clothes, money, and other things.

Nov. 29. Westminster. Pardon to Thos. Price of the punishment of burning in the hand, for killing William Evered. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car.* I., *Vol.* ii. *No.* 20].

Nov. 30. Whitehall. 46. The King to Buckingham. Warrant to grant licence to nine boats of Dieppe to fish at the Zowe, on the coast of England, for the service and provision of the French King. The licences to be in the form heretofore granted by Lord Zouch.

Nov. 30. 47. Sentence of deposition and degradation, passed by Archbishop Abbot, the Bishops of Rochester and Bath and Wells, and others, Ecclesiastical Commissioners, against Samuel Serle, Clerk, of Theydon Garnon, co. Essex, for contempt of the jurisdiction of the Church and the authority of that Court, in celebrating divine service after he had been suspended by the Commissioners.

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Nov. 30. 48. Sir Henry Palmer to [Nicholas]. As the necessity of the times will not yet permit his ship to be fitted for the sea, he requests that his appointment may be passed by patent from the Admiralty, so that he may not be ruined by being out of entertainment whilst his ship is fitting out.

Nov. 30. 49. Commissioners for the Loan in Westminster to ———. Appointing them collectors of the sums agreed to be lent. [*Copy*].

Nov. 30. 50. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. For a warrant for ordnance for the St. Mary, Captain Quaile, a prize ship preparing for the intended voyage.

Nov. 30. 51. John Sorrell to Charles Barrett. Francis Bassett, Vice Admiral of the North of Cornwall, sent to the writer, as keeper of the gaol at Launceston, 50 Turkish prisoners without money or clothes, although Mr. Bassett took their ship worth 500*l*. They have been maintained by the writer and the country.

Nov. 52. Demand of money by [Sir Wm. Russell], Treasurer of the Navy, for wages of seamen up to the end of October, 1626; total 27,303*l*. 16*s*. 11*d*.

Nov. 53. Petition of James Papin to the Council:—His ship the Hope, of Calais, having been stayed at Hamburgh and brought to London by John Hide, in the Nonsuch, was freed by order of the Court of Admiralty, but is again stayed at Gravesend by the King's officers there; prays that he may be allowed to depart.

Nov. 54. Note of mourning given to the Duke of Buckingham's servants at the funeral of Bishop Andrewes of Winchester "being the — day of Nov. 1626."

[Nov.?] 55. Notes, by Nicholas, respecting subjects to be considered by the proposed Commissioners for inquiry into the state of the Navy, and as to who were proper persons to be appointed Commissioners.

[Nov.?] 56. Petition of James Borthwick to the King, for an order that Colonel James Sinclair should pay the petitioner 900*l*., out of a sum of 4,000*l*. paid to him to raise a regiment for the King of Denmark.

[Nov.?] 57. Petition of Bailiffs and Burgesses of Bridport to the Council:—Have subscribed to the loan because they desired to express their obedience to his Majesty, but represent the destitution to which their town has been reduced by a twenty weeks visitation of the plague, and pray that they may be excused the present payment of the amount subscribed. *Annexed,*

57. I. *Justices of co. Dorset to the Council. Certificate that from the 29th August last until the end of December, Bridport was much afflicted with the plague, and reduced to great distress and poverty.*

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[Nov. ?] 58. Notes, perhaps sent by Sir Edward Hawley, to Buckingham, [*see* 1626, *Nov.* 27, *No.* 30,] of the offences charged against Hugh Pyne, of co. Somerset, counsellor-at-law. [*They are principally disloyal speeches, with reference to the loan and Muster of the Trained Bands.*]

[Nov. ?] 59. Minute of request that order be given for the off-reckonings of the soldiers going to Denmark, and that consideration be had of the Captains, on account of the sick men on their rolls.

[Nov. ?] 60. Suggestions respecting the transport and convoy of the new levies for Denmark from the Thames, Harwich, and Hull.

[Nov. ?] 61. Minutes, by Sec. Coke, of warrants required for preparation of ships to transport 3,000 men to Stade, and also for a convoy to accompany them.

[Nov. ?] 62. Report of Attorney General Heath and Solicitor General Sheldon on the petition of the inn-holders of London. [*See* 1626, *Nov.* 9, *No.* 42.] They report against compelling inn-holders to be members of the Company, but in favour of giving the Company power to make ordinances for the better government of their trade.

[Nov. ?] 63. Copy of the same.

[Nov. ?] 64. Nicholas Lisle to the King. Project for increase of the revenue by levying a yearly tax on all stalls, stools, stairs, and other encroachments on the streets of the City of London.

[Nov. ?] 65. Further notes by Nicholas Lisle, with reference to the above project.

[Nov. ?] 66. Still further observations by Nicholas Lisle, in maintenance of the same project.

[Nov. ?] 67. Sir Edward Zouch to the King. "A breviate for my dear master to mediate for my distressed folly in putting my coat to dyeing." Sir Edward sets forth various objections to an award which had been made in the matters in dispute between himself and Lady Hastings, and the heirs of the late Lord Zouch.

[Nov. ?] 68. Sec. Conway to ——. The King gave Sec. Conway leave to put himself into Dr. Mayerne's hands, and he has already entered into physic. He is an earnest suitor to his Lordship, that he will be pleased in all humbleness to excuse Conway to his gracious Master, if it be possible that he should be missed. His sickness is not so grievous to him as his absence from his duty.

[Nov. ?] 69. Suggestions as to the best mode of employing the ships furnished by the City and coast towns.

[Nov. ?] 70. Names suggested to Sec. Coke for Commissioners for French goods.

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1626. Dec. 1. Waddesdon. 1. Henry Wilkinson to Sec. Conway. Begs that in the present vacancy of spiritual promotions he may be preferred to some place which may stand with his ministry at Waddesdon.

Dec. 1. From aboard the Globe in Tilbury Hope. 2. Capt. Thos. Philpot to Nicholas. Uncertainty of the merchants whom he was to convoy to Hamburgh. Has carried his ship down ahead of the fleet, and charged the captains of the other ships to put to sea. They say they cannot put over the flats until Tuesday. If the Duke will clear him of the merchants he will stand out through the King's Channel rather than bring scandal on the service by doing nothing. The merchants had put aboard his ship twenty chests of quicksilver. They ought to be summoned to come to some resolution. Abuse of press-warrants by fellows who, being puffed up with an opinion that they have power to bind and loose, hold it a glory to tyrannize over the King's poor subjects. Had supplied his ship with volunteers.

Dec. 1. Whitehall. 3. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd to Sir Francis Nethersole. The Duke was declared Ambassador Extraordinary into France, and Sir Edward Barrett goes to remain there. Lords Essex, Lincoln, Warwick, Clare, Bolingbroke, Say, and Philip Stanhope had refused to lend the King money. Fifteen or sixteen Lords joining in this recusancy, and the Judges denying to subscribe, would give a great blow to the design. Serjt. Richardson was Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and it was reported that he was to marry Lady Ashburnham. The sailors had come in tumultuous manner to demand their pay. The Queen is providing a masque against Christmas.

[Dec. 1.] 4. Complaint of Capt. Richard Gyffard and Roger Gyffard against the States of Holland, for not giving them compensation for the plunder of their ship the Fortune. [*See* 1626, *Jan.*, *Nos.* 118 *and* 119.]

[Dec. 1.] 5. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Charles Morgan. Recommending to him Sir Thomas Conway and Sir Thomas Huncks, to be preferred to some principal places of command. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 6. Wm. Towerson to Sec. Conway. Has made stay at Portsmouth of seven small French ships, of which he gives particulars.

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Dec. 2. Aboard the Globe at Tilbury Hope. 7. Capt. Thomas Philpot to Nicholas. The merchants request him to resume the wafting of their cloth ships. Desires instructions.

Dec. 2. The George, in Lombard Street. 8. Edward Nuttall to the same. Has caught a fever in coming to London, and cannot stir abroad. John Rivett, Nicholas's strongest opposer, is dead. The owners of the Anthony wish to get her released, and will be thankful to Nicholas if he can do them this favour.

Dec. 2. London. 9. Philip Burlamachi to the same. Sends petition of Giles Vandeputt, complaining of wrong done by Capt. Philpot, and begs Nicholas to procure the Duke's order for restoration of Vandeputt's merchandise. Fr. *Incloses,*

9. I. *Petition of Giles Vandeputt above alluded to:—The petitioner sent* 20 *cases of quicksilver, worth* 600*l., on board the Globe, Capt. Philpot, to be conveyed to Hamburgh; the Globe being ordered on another voyage, the petitioner prays that Capt. Philpot may be directed to redeliver his quicksilver.*

Dec. 2. High Holborn. 10. Sir Anthony Ashley to the same. Recommends Wm. Wadder for Purser in one of his Majesty's ships.

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 11. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. The Duke's command to restrain all captains from discharging able seamen shall be performed. Nothing was wanting for the Lion but her victuals. Has sent the ships instructions to seize all French ships and bring them into port without pillaging. Begs for order to brew beer; they have only beer for eight days. Also, for some relief for the common seamen.

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 12. The same to Nicholas. Solicits him to procure the order for victuals, beer, and seaman's pay, mentioned in the previous letter.

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 13. The same to Buckingham. The St. Lawrence, a French ship, has been brought in by Capts. Butler and Jewell. Capt. Skipworth, [in the Sarah Bonaventure], and Capt. Burley, in the Convertive, arrived that day. All these ships were without provisions. Desires instructions whether he may supply them out of the King's storehouse. His three ships had returned from the Channel, the weather being very foul. He should victual them for ten days and send them out again.

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. 14. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information given above. Capt. Towerson, lately appointed Vice Admiral to Lord Conway, has charge of the ship brought in by Capts. Butler and Jewell. Begs that his wants may be attended to.

Dec. 3. Whitehall. 15. Order of Council:—For the stay of all French ships and goods, except passage boats, which may pass freely as before.

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Dec. 3. [Portsmouth.] 16. Wm. Towerson to Nicholas. Announcing his appointment as Deputy Vice Admiral under Lord Conway, and also the stay of the seven small French ships, and the arrival of Capt. Butler, with another vessel of larger burthen.

Dec. 3. 17. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Repeats the cause of Mr. Wyvell's imprisonment. [*See* 1626, *Oct.* 7, *No.* 44.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Commissioners for the Sale of the King's Lands. Praying them to forbear the sale of any of his Majesty's lands in the Isle of Wight, until they have heard the reasons which Lord Conway has to present to their consideration. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. The same to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a bill for Sir Edward Sebright to be a Baronet. [*Minute, ibid.*]

Dec. 4. Aboard the Bonaventure [at Portsmouth.] 18. Capt. Wm. Hals to Sec. Coke. Has made stay of a Hamburgher, laden with salt, which he imagines to have been bound for Dunkirk. Prays further orders.

Dec. 4. Plymouth. 19. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. A ship of St. Lucar, bound for Newhaven in France, had been driven into Plymouth. Incloses examination of Jacques Morris, a passenger, respecting the putting to sea of thirty-seven Spanish ships, and the arrival of the Plate fleet at Cadiz. Another passenger was Edward Bambur, a priest, who gave the name of Leonard Helmes. *Incloses,*

19. I. *Examination of Jacques Morris before mentioned.*

Dec. 4. Plymouth. 20. [Mayor of] Plymouth to Archbishop Abbot. Sends examination of Edward Bambur alias Leonard Helmes, the priest mentioned in the last letter, taken on board a ship bound for Newhaven. *Incloses,*

20. I. *Examination of Edward Bambur alias Leonard Helmes in which he details his movements for the last eight years. Had studied at St. Omer and Seville, and had taken successively the orders of Sub-Deacon, Deacon, and Priest.* 1626, *Dec.* 4. [*Copy.*]

20. II. *Letters testimonial of the promotion of Leonard Helmes, to the Diaconate.* 1626, *April* 6. [*Copy.*]

20. III. *Similar letters testimonial of his promotion to the priesthood.* 1626, *June* 6. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 4. Dartmouth. 21. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. A Spanish prize brought in by Capt. Tailor, worth 20,000*l.* Sends a packet of letters which the captain endeavoured to throw overboard. Sir Edward Seymour has a French ship brought into Plymouth richly laden. A Dutch buss found floating at sea laden with salt. It should seem her men were thrown overboard by a Dunkirker.

Dec. 4. 22. Certificate of Ralph Byrd, of the French ships stayed at Falmouth, St. Ives, and Fowey.

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Dec. 4. 23. Estimate of the true value of lands of recusants, found by inquisition in co. Durham.

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a warrant to enlarge four prisoners out of Newgate at the suit of the Venetian Ambassador. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 5. 24. Petition of John Steward to the King:—Bought at Rothsay two butts of currants, but exporting the same to Londonderry, they were seized by the Deputy of Lord Chichester, Admiral of Ulster; prays for order for their restoration. [*Underwritten is a reference to the Lord High Admiral.*]

Dec. 5. Aldermanbury. 25. Sir Robert Harley to his father[-in-law] Sec. Conway. Letter of affection. Wishes for Lord Conway's restoration to health from a journey which he had then taken. Had written to Sir Henry Wallop, and hoped he would do that which would clear him from all sinister interpretation.

Dec. 5. 26. Petition of John Griffith to the Council:—Prays payment of a pension of 2*s.* per day, granted to him by King James, as assistant in Dover Castle.

Dec. 5. 27. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 5. 28. Case of Capt. Gyffard and company in relation to the Fortune, seized by Peter Cosson, Captain of the Dog, or Hound, of Rotterdam, and for which they have been unable to obtain any remedy.

Dec. 5. 29. Receipt from Sir Wm. Becher for the Earl of Bridgewater, of six lists of names touching the loan in relation to co. Hertford.

Dec. 6. Whitehall. 30. [Buckingham] to Capts. Robert Orme, Edwd. Cheek, Edwd. Porter, Tristram Stephens, Wm. Cook, Walter Turner, and the other captains of the ships furnished by the City of London. Instructions: Sir John Watts being about to bring his ship to Chatham, they are to ply between the North Foreland and the Isle of Wight. They are to take all Spanish ships, and stay all French ships, and especially to look out for six ships bought in the Low Countries for the French King, and about to pass through the Narrow Seas for France. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 6. Bewdley. 31. Wm. Earl of Northampton to [Sec. Conway]. Sends certificates as to the state of his Trained Bands, especially commending the exertions of Baronet Scudamore in Herefordshire, and Sir Thos. Cornewaille in Shropshire. Desires authority to punish the refractory, and to compel payment of the Muster Masters. *Incloses,*

31. 1. *Dep. Lieuts. of co. Gloucester to Wm. Earl of Northampton. Report the state of the Trained Bands of the Berkeley division of co. Gloucester. Humphrey Browne, of Bristol, who holds possessions worth* 300*l. per annum, returned them a disrespectful and contemptuous answer.* 1626, *Sept.* 7

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Dec. 6. 32. Particular of sums paid into the Exchequer on account of the new loan. The account is thus divided:—Thirty-five Peers had paid in 7,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; eight high officers of state, not being Peers, 436*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; sixty six Judges, Sergeants, and legal persons, 892*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; returns from Essex and Surrey make up the total to 10,088*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 6. 33. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 6. Blandford. 34. Gilbert Raleigh to Nicholas. Desires till next term to render his account of the profits due to the Duke out of Raleigh's Vice Admiralty.

Dec. 6. Portsmouth. 35. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. Distress of the fleet for want of victuals. The carpenters are earnest for their pay, and the common seamen grow insolent. Learning there were two ships at St. Helen's, he ordered the Mary Magdalen and the Lion, of Newcastle, to go out to them. The men of the former mutinied, and would neither cross their yards nor weigh their anchors. Has three of the principal mutineers in prison, and intends to punish them severely. Many of the men have run away. Having written to Poole and Weymouth, the Mayor of the former place sent him back four men, from the latter he has no return.

Dec. 6. Portsmouth. 36. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information contained in the preceding letter. Prolongs the drink of the men with water and wine beverage, but they much repine, and he can proceed no further without money or materials.

Dec. 6. Whitehall. 37. Order of Council:—The King having referred to them the complaints of one Bringer against the glass patent granted to Sir Robert Mansell, it is ordered that the same shall stand. Their Lordships think it to be of dangerous consequence, and far trenching upon the prerogative, that patents granted on just grounds and of long continuance should be referred to the strict trial of the common law, wherefore, they order that all proceedings at law be stayed, and that Bringer do not presume further to trouble his Majesty on pain of punishment.

Dec. 6. Dartmouth. 38. Sir John Drake to Nicholas. Apprises him of a French ship from St. Lucar very richly laden being driven into Plymouth; also of two other prizes, a French ship brought by Capt. Spicer and a Dutchman.

[Dec. 6?] 39. Note of the number of the printed instructions [to the Commissioners for the Loan] delivered out of the Council Chamber; total, 200 copies; with receipt for those designed for co. Dorset.

[Dec. 6?] 40. Similar receipt for instructions and letters for co. Lincoln, and various towns in the Eastern counties.

[Dec. 6?] 41. Similar receipt for cos. of Gloucester, Hereford, and others on the North-western side of England and in Wales.

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Dec. 7. Dover Castle. 42. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Shall want "for the service" 6 or 7 ships of good lading; if they will swim in the sea it is no matter how old they be nor how torn. Victualling the King's ships would be undertaken at Dover, a halfpenny a man better cheap than it is, if they may use the King's storehouse and be paid out of the Custom-house there.

Dec. 7. Whitehall. 43. Wm. Chesterman to Sec. Conway. On arrival of a letter from Mr. Hawkins, the King commanded the French Committee to attend him. No resolution was come to, but the Committee has met again, and the Duke's journey is hastened. His instructions have been approved by the King and the Lords.

Dec. 7. Bewdley. 44. Wm. Earl of Northampton to the same. Suggests that if the saltpetre men that worked in that county [Worcester] might make their saltpetre into powder there, it would be a great ease to the country, and a ready way to procure a supply of powder for the public defence. If this be agreed to directions should be sent to Wm. Richardson, who had the patent for those counties.

Dec. 7. 45. Analysis of points to be considered under the Commission for inquiry into the state of the Navy.

Dec. 7. 46 Statement of points to be considered under that Commission.

Dec. 7. 47. Queries respecting the authority given by that Commission, and how far the inquiry should be retrospective.

Dec. 7. Exeter. 48. Wm. Kift to Nicholas. A prize worth 2,000*l.* brought into Dartmouth by Capt. Taylor of the Willing Mind. Among ships driven into Plymouth by tempest, one was of 400 tons and the other a French ship from St. Lucar valued at 300,000*l.*

Dec. 7. 49. Commissioners of the Navy to Buckingham. Ships from the fleet have arrived in the Downs; the King's ships being victualled for only 14 days, and the merchant ships without any victual at all. Recommend that they should all be brought round to Chatham, and money or provisions be sent there. If they be not provided for, the sailors will commit outrages and trouble the Lords in multitudes, being about 3,000 men.

Dec. 8. Whitehall. 50. Order of Council, founded upon the information contained in the above letter from the Commissioners of the Navy:—The Commissioners are to report the sum required on this occasion, and the Lord Treasurer is prayed to provide the same; as money is ready for any one ship it is to be paid off at Cloth Workers' Hall. The Lord Admiral offered that the goods in the Blue Dove, valued at 60,000 ducats, which belonged to him as pirates' goods, should be applied to this purpose, the amount being repaid out of the loan, which was accepted. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 8. Dover Castle. 51. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. The French Ambassador departed from Dover that morning in a small bark; the pinnace could not land him where he wished. Sends account of the transaction given by the sailors. Has received order from Mr. Gerbier

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[Girbeare] that ships must attend him at Calais ten days hence; the two ships of the ports and the two pinnaces shall be appointed for that service. He has put out Cannon as ordered. God send the Duke an honester man in his place. *Incloses,*

51. I. *Report of Mervin Burley, Captain of the King's pinnace, and five others, of the circumstances under which the French Ambassador came to cross, not in the pinnace, but in "a little small" bark of Dover.*

Dec. 8. Dover Castle. 52. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Further information respecting the crossing of the French Ambassador.

Dec. 8. 53. Note of monies disbursed by Sir John Hippisley for repair of armour taken out of the St. Peter, a prize ship, and for making a platform at the North end of Dover Castle; total, 36*l.* 1*s.*, which he prays may be allowed out of the sale of prize goods at Dover.

[Dec. 8.] 54. Original draft of the above, with alterations by Nicholas.

Dec. 8. Southampton. 55. Robert Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. Sends a packet; supposes it concerns the receiving of certain Spaniards which a ship of his had taken. He is certified that there is an order for "rummaging" the prize. If it be directed to the Mayor and officers at Southampton, begs it may be sent back by the bearer, as time is now precious to the Earl.

Dec. 8. 56. Petition of Sir Allen Apsley, as one of the Surveyors of Victuals for the Navy, to the Council:—From the late mutinous carriage of a few sailors of one ship, what disorder may be feared from twenty times that number without victuals or clothes to wear or pawn; prays the Lords to consider the crying necessity and importance of this business.

Dec. 8. 57. Grievances of the Inhabitants of the liberty of Bartholomew the Great, in being unjustly arrested within that district.

Dec. 8. Whitehall. 58. Dudley Lord Carleton to Sec. Coke. The King will have no time lost in the French business, and, therefore, has commanded the Committee to come to him to-morrow, at 9 a.m.; he expects the instructions to be then ready. Order is also to be taken in the business which Calandrini is to have in charge for the King of Denmark.

Dec. 8. 59. Wm. Clarke to Lord ———. States his opinion, in opposition to that of Sir Robert Travers, concerning the claim of the Lord Admiral to a ship found derelict, being one of those before alluded to. [1626, *Sept.* 19, *No.* 20, *and* 1626, *Sept. No.* 111.]

Dec. 8. 60. Petition of Roger Langford to the Duke of Buckingham:—After having been embargoed at Malaga, the petitioner's ship was taken by a Spanish man-of-war, which unloaded her goods and sunk her in the sea; petitioner and his crew, being nine Englishmen and thirteen Hollanders, slew the crew of the Spanish ship, being sixty-

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two persons, except four principal persons who were saved; after which the Hollanders took entire possession of the ship, kept the petitioner and his companions in fetters for eight days, and finally committed them to the sea in a small boat "in cruel tempestuous weather, without meat or drink;" the petitioner made these facts appear to the Justices of Horne, whither the Hollanders had carried the ship and sold her for 2,700*l.*, and the cargo for 1,500*l.*, but obtained no redress; he now prays the Duke's interference.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. 61. The Council to Attorney General Heath. A committee of the Council having, on conference with the Attorney General, made various alterations in the Commission touching the Navy formerly prepared by him, he is authorized to draw up, for his Majesty's signature, a new Commission embodying those alterations. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 9. Ash. 62. E. Drake to Nicholas. Prizes brought into Plymouth. One brought into Weymouth by a ship the owner of which lives at St. Catherine's, London. He wishes to take her to London; being weak and leaky, he ought to give security for the Duke's tenths before attempting to do so.

Dec. 9. 63. Dr. Rich. Zouch to the same. As ready as any man to argue for the Lord Admiral's profit; yet being consulted, he delivers what he holds to be the truth, and to be agreeable with the Duke's honour. *Incloses,*

63. I. *His opinion concerning the prize taken by Sir Wm. Hall, in opposition to the opinion given by Mr. Clarke.*

Dec. 9. 64. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 9. 65. Commissioners of the Navy to Lord Treasurer Marlborough. In compliance with the order of Council, 1626, Dec. 8, No. 50, they inform him that the Triumph, Swiftsure, Bonaventure, Vanguard, Reformation, and Esperance, having on board 1,130 men, are all out of victuals; there are also 17 merchant and Newcastle ships having 1,070 men also without victuals. The King's ships cannot be supplied for less than 21 days, nor the others for less than 14 days, the amount for which at 8*d.* per man per day will be 1,290*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Dec. 9 ?] 66. Estimate of the charge for revictualling the above mentioned ships, the King's ships for 42 days, the others for 28 days, 2,581*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 9. Weymouth. 67. Gilbert Raleigh to Nicholas. Sends examinations of the Portugals that came in the sugar prize, the St. Matthew, of Lisbon. Finds no commission or letter of marque on board the captors, and therefore has seized the prize to the Lord Admiral's use. The captors say their commission is aboard the Transport. Disastrous consequences to that country from the stoppage of the trade with France. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Examinations of Emanuel Gonzales and Antonio Gorjano, the "Portugals" before alluded to. They give account of the lading of the prize.*

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Dec. 10. Whitehall. 68. Order of Council:—That all Frenchmen's goods detained or arrested being of a perishable nature, except wines, might be sold on the request of the owners, the proceeds being deposited in safe custody until further order.

Dec. 10. Cowes. 69. Edwd. Reed to Sec. Conway. Accounts for his not being at Southampton to meet Lord Conway. Is engaged in unlading the prize, which he hopes to complete next week. There is only one French ship stayed which lies at Yarmouth; she has no papers on board, except one which he incloses; the Captain will give no information. The commission for the loan is well accepted in the Isle of Wight; all most willingly lend to the King. Twenty-six Spaniards landed out of the Jonathan, the Earl of Warwick's ship; they were received on land out of charity, and lodged in an empty house; desires to know what is to be done with them.

Dec. 10. 70. Will of Robert Reade of Linkenholt, co. Hants:—He provides for his wife Mildred, and leaves legacies to his brother Henry Reade, his nephew and cousin Francis, his brother-in-law Francis Windebank, his brother George, and his cousin Nicholas Blake. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 10. 71. Deed of appointment by the said Robert Reade, declaring the trusts on which Francis Windebank, Henry Reade, and Nicholas Blake should hold the manor of Linkenholt, which was conveyed to them on the 7th Dec. 1624. [*Copy*]

Dec. 10. 72. Note of the lading of the Love, of Havre de Grace, Capt. Jacques Lambert, master, described in the endorsement as the rich French ship driven into Plymouth.

Dec. 10. 73. Report of Dr. Everard's sermon on St. Matthew xiv., 30, 31, delivered at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in explanation of a sermon formerly made the subject of complaint.

Dec. 10. 74. Names of French ships stayed at Plymouth.

Dec. 11. Blachington. 75. Capt. Richard Gyffard to Nicholas. Details his progress in fitting out a ship for a voyage under letters of marque, in the risk of which the Duke was to adventure 500*l.* The money was not forthcoming, and Gyffard mourns over the inconveniences to which he was put in consequence.

Dec. 11. 76. Capt. Phineas Pett to [Nicholas]. Recommends Thos. Large for Cook of the Warspite.

Dec. 11. Dover Castle. 77. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. One of the ships which carried over the French Ambassador's horses had been cast away, both men and horses. The Duke of Buckingham's commodities, of which Mr. Gerbier was so full of care, had arrived at Margate.

Dec. 11. Calehill. 78. Sir Robt. Darrell to Sir Norton Knatchbull. On Saturday night last two soldiers broke into the house of Mr. Sharpe, and holding swords against his breast and that of his wife, robbed them of their money. So many have been the abuses of that kind that honest men

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are weary of their dwellings, and will betake themselves to towns. The soldiers threaten to cut all the watchmen's throats. Begs him to acquaint the Lord Lieutenant. Sir Robert had sent that day, his wife being in great weakness, to Sir Norton's keeper for the lungs of a fox, which are said to be good for the lungs.

Dec. 11. Dover. 79. John Reading to Nicholas. Wishes to know what answer had been given to a letter in his behalf to the Bishop of London, forwarded to Nicholas by Sir John Hippisley. Whether Dr. Warner was like to speed with the preferment for which he sues?

Dec. 12. Bristol. 80. Wm. Willett to the same. On the 4th inst., the Fortune, said to be of Amsterdam, was driven into that port by foul weather. Willett suspects that she has been taken by Dunkirkers, and that the men on board are Dunkirkers. They have made sale of their lading, but Willett will stay the payment of the money until a Commission can be sent down. [*In the margin is Nicholas's direction to issue a Commission accordingly.*] The goods of the Mary, taken by the George and the Abraham, had been claimed by a Portuguese residing at Rouen, and a citation had come down from the Court of Delegates. The goods of Capt. Ellis's wrecked prize much damaged by salt water. Inconveniences resulting from the stay of French goods. Whether wines in French ships which have been driven into Bristol and are stayed there, may be sold?

Dec. 12. 81. Capt. Richard Gyffard to Buckingham. Had followed the Duke three years, and would do so all his life if his Grace would command him to any service. Finding that could not be the case at present, he determined to go to sea with one ship and a pinnace; and his Grace having consented to adventure 500*l.*, Lord Willoughby and others agreed to make up the remainder; but now, when the monies are needed, they hold back until the Duke gives order for payment of his 500*l.* As Gyffard's credit is "upon the stack," he submits the matter to the Duke's consideration.

Dec. 12. 82. The same to Nicholas. Sends him particulars of the money advanced on account of the adventure towards which the Duke was to contribute 500*l.* That sum can be no great matter to him, but Gyffard will not press him nor any man. A friend tells him that he has had great wrong done him at Court. Gyffard's enemies are such as dare not show themselves, or of such little worth that they glory in outward shows. Shall be glad to hear what the Commissioners do. This world is nought; virtue is accounted vice, and modesty imbecility.

Dec. 12. 83. The King to Lord Treasurer Marlborough, the Lord Admiral, Robert Earl of Lindsey, the Earls of Pembroke, Bridgewater, Totness, and Denbigh, Viscount Wimbledon, Wm. Lord Harvey, Edward Lord Herbert, Sec. Coke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Savile, Thos. Aylesbury, one of the Masters of Requests, Sir Wm. Heydon, Sir Robert Cotton, Sir John Trevor, Sir Sackville Trevor, Sir Henry Mainwaring, Sir Thos. Love, Sir John Watts, Sackville

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Crow, Capts. John Pennington, Richard Gyffard, and Phineas Pett. Commission to inquire into certain alleged abuses in the Navy, and view the state thereof, and also the stores thereof. [*Unsealed.*]

Dec. 12. 84. Articles to be inquired into by the above mentioned Commissioners, with contemporary marginal observations.

Dec. 12. 85. Copy of the same, endorsed by Nicholas.

Dec. 12. 86. Another copy.

Dec. 12. 87. List of Commissioners "for the Navy Royal," with various names queried.

Dec. 12. 88. Another similar list.

Dec. 12. 89. Another similar list, but dated Dec. 15.

Dec. 13. Whitehall. 90. Order of Council:—For the removal to Dover of the prisoners mentioned in the inclosed list, with a view to their exchange. *Annexed,*

90. 1. *Names of the King of Spain's subjects prisoners in England.*

Dec. 13. 91. Commissioners for Trade to the Council. Report touching the differences between the Eastland Company, of London, and the Brethren of that Company residing at York, respecting a "broake or fine" imposed upon the latter for landing and selling their goods at Dantzick during the sickness at Elbing. The report is against the Brethren at York.

Dec. 13. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Dudley Lord Carleton. To discharge two men out of the King's entertainment for their misdemeanours according to his advice. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 13. Star Chamber. 92. The Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to the Commissioners for the Navy. Requiring them to send all instructions, books, accounts, and contracts belonging to the navy, and then remaining in their custody, to the Special Commissioners at the Star Chamber, on Wednesday next. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 13. Star Chamber. 93. Interrogatories administered to Roger Parr, Clerk to the Commissioners for the Navy, by the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy, chiefly relating to the nature and custody of the books and papers of the Commissioners for the Navy. *Annexed,*

93. 1. *Form of oath administered by the Special Commissioners to the said Roger Parr.*

Dec. 13. 94. Fair copy of the preceding.

Dec. 13. 95. Copy of the oath, with the clause of secrecy struck out.

Dec. 13. 96. Copy of the full oath, with minutes of evidence of Roger Parr.

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Dec. 14. Doctors' Commons. 1. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Have used their best diligence about the business of the Dutch, and inclose an abstract of what they have done. There are many more complaints before the Council, and some of Bristol men, especially one Hallworthy. Wyan is "no linguist, but natural tongue and some Latin." A practised linguist, versed in commerce, is wanted. The Commissioners of Prize Goods should appoint such a person.

Dec. 14. 2. Sir Wm. Alexander to the same. Requests a warrant for bringing the Eagle from Dover to the river Thames, where she is to take in some ordnance to be planted in a chief strength belonging to his Majesty in Scotland.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. 3. Nicholas Lisle's project for levying fines on encroachments more fully stated than in the preceding papers [1626, *Nov., Nos.* 64 *to* 66]. With underwritten reference by the Commissioners of the King's revenues to Sir Robert Rich, Master in Chancery, and Sir Thos. Fanshaw, the King's Surveyor General.

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. 4. Wm. Towerson to Nicholas. The Gift of God, a French ship from Malaga, brought in by Sir John Watts, Henry Chimnett, Master; sends an account of her lading and requests instructions.

Dec. 14. Gloucester. 5. W. Guise to the same. His brother having, under the Duke's warrant, endeavoured to collect the tenths of Mr. Ellis's prize, which miscarried, had been unable to do so, because Mr. Ellis, being Sheriff of Bristol and Deputy for Sir John Drake, had demanded the goods in Sir John Drake's name.

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. 6. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. Reports the stay of the "great French ship" at St. Helen's, and her delivery to Capt. Towerson. By order of Lord Conway he had sent for the Spaniards landed in the Isle of Wight, and had dispersed them into five of the men-of-war. There were the Cameleon, the Sarah Bonaventure, the Hopewell, and Capt. Butler's prize to be victualled. Mr. Brookes would disburse 300*l.* for Sir Wm. Russell, for the wants of the ships there, which should be carefully expended. At that instant, he received the Duke's order to bring the Lion round to Deptford to be docked. She has no need thereof, only of lowering her upper works. *Incloses,*

6. I. *Note of the lading of the French ship brought in from St. Helen's.*

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. 7. The same to Nicholas. On the same subjects. Mode in which the 300*l.* shall be expended. The Lion did not need more than 100*l.* laid out upon her.

Dec. 14. Bristol. 8. Wm. Willett to the same. Had attached the Amsterdam ship, and examined three of the Dunkirkers, who confess that they took the ship about 20 days ago. Begs him to hasten the Commission. [*In the margin is a note by Nicholas to* [*Sir Henry Marten*], *requesting him to send the Commission by the bearer.*]

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Dec. 14. Whitehall. Proclamation to restrain the unlawful transportation of hides and leather. Raw hides are forbidden to be exported, and in order to prevent the same, no hides or leather are to be put on board any ship. [*Coll. Procs. Car.* I., *No.* 56.]

Dec. 15. Weymouth, and Melcombe Regis. 9. Officers of the Customs at Weymouth to ———. Two other French ships have been stayed. Mr. Gilbert Raleigh, Dep. Vice Admiral, notwithstanding the service was done by the King's officers, took a ton of wine and some prunes from the French ships, whereat they seem much grieved. When the stay shall be enlarged, no doubt there will be complaints.

[Dec. 15.] 10. List of such of the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy as were to survey the ships and stores at Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford.

[Dec. 15.] 11. Copy of the same.

Dec. 15. Star Chamber. 12. The Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to Sir Henry Mainwaring, Capts. John Pennington and Phineas Pett, Joshua Downing, and all others his Majesty's officers. Warrant authorizing Sir Henry Mainwaring and Capts. Pennington and Pett to repair to Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham, by Monday next on the business of the Commission, and to prepare the King's ships for a survey, Joshua Downing and all others being charged to give assistance therein. [*Draft.*]

Dec. 15. Leatherhead. 13. Justices of Surrey to the Council. The monies received for the loan have been paid in. Divers persons who had previously lent on Privy Seals delivered to them in November and December 1625, conceive that on this loan their Privy Seals should be allowed. The Justices pray for direction therein.

Dec. 15. Bristol. 14. John Whitson to Nicholas. That the wines in the two French ships stayed at Bristol may be sold, the proceeds being retained.

Dec. 15. The Savoy. 15. George Earl of Totness to Buckingham. About two months ago, the Earl through the Duke's interference obtained an order for supply of the defects in the office of the Ordnance. As the Earl knows no man that loves the King with more zealous affection, or more seriously takes to heart the good of the state, than the Duke, the Earl begs him to give furtherance to the humble motion which the Earl now makes to the King.

Dec. 15. Newcastle. 16. John Butler to Mr. Ashmell. An order must be obtained from the Council before the Mayor will deliver Giles Clowe, a prisoner, to be exchanged for Thomas Dixon. Hugh Rose asks 120*l.* for procuring Dixon's release, but the prisoners are to be exchanged, prisoner for prisoner, therefore such a sum is unreasonable. The writer will move Dixon's wife to give 10*l.* Mr. Ashwell had better apply to Sec. Coke, and if he does, he is requested to mention the case of Harry Bailes, a servant of the writer, for whom the Dunkirkers demand a ransom of 300*l.*

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Dec. 15. Star Chamber. 17. The Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to Wm. Burrell, one of the Commissioners of the Navy. Summons to attend the Commissioners at their next sitting on the morrow in the Star Chamber, to answer to such questions as shall be propounded to him.

Dec. 15. 18. Minute of warrant to Robt. Smyth, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, to bring Roger Parr before the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy.

Dec. 15. 19. Answer of Roger Parr to the interrogatories of the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy. [*See* 1626, *Dec.* 13, *No.* 93.]

Dec. 15. Dartmouth. 20. Christopher Snell to Nicholas [addressed as "James"]. Sir John Drake had used his endeavour, both with the captain and company, to procure from them their parts [of a prize]. Intreats him to prevent the discouragement which will arise to adventurers, if they see themselves crossed in sales of their goods by others that live at home in security.

[Dec. 16?] 21. Case of the tenants of his Majesty's lordship of Narberth, near Milford Haven. Mr. Barlow, having had various disputes with these tenants, now seeks to buy the lordship that he may have them at his mercy, whereupon some of the tenants petitioned the King and procured an answer. *Annexed,*

21. I. *Answer above mentioned. The King refers the subject to the Commissioners of the Revenue. Dec.* 16.

Dec. 16. 22. Robert Bowle[?] to Sir Thos. Walsingham, senr. In two days of travel has only got 20*s.* on account of the loan. The cause arises from John Kettell, who again refuses to pay, and gibes at the writer when he demands the amount. If he were sent for by a pursuivant, and made an example, the money would come in suddenly, otherwise it is folly for the writer to travel up and down. "That report of his" has come to Cray, and Mr. Edward Manning, who appointed many days to come for his money, now says he has disposed of it elsewhere, hearing that others thereabout refused and did not mean to pay at all.

Dec. 16. Whitehall. 23. Order of Council, made on hearing the complaints of merchants trading for France, touching the seizures of their ships and goods in that country:—No French ships or goods were to be suffered to pass out of Ireland until further order.

Dec. 16. 24. Claim by Dr. Cademan for the allowance of 100*l.* lent and laid out by her Majesty's appointment. [*Underwritten is a certificate signed by Susan Countess of Denbigh, that her Majesty acknowledges Dr. Cademan's account "to be a due debt."*]

Dec. 16. 25. Examination of Wm. Burrell, one of the Commissioners of the Navy, before the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the navy, concerning the books in his possession relating to the affairs of the navy. He prays to be spared bringing them in until Monday.

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Dec. 16. Star Chamber. 26. Buckingham and others of the Council to William Trumbull, one of the Clerks of the Council. Warrant authorizing him to seize all contracts, books and papers in the possession of Mr. Burrell, which in any way concern his Majesty's navy.

Dec. 16. Poplar. 27. A note of such books and papers as were taken from Mr. Burrell.

Dec. 16. 28. Sir Henry Palmer's account of 141*l.* expended in transporting the Earl of Holland and Lord Carleton to and from France under an order of the Duke of Buckingham, dated Dec. 29, 1625 [*by mistake referred to as* 1626]; and also under a similar order received April 10, 1626, in going to Portsmouth to receive the Vanguard and six merchant ships lent to the French, which arrived there on the 1st of May.

Dec. 17. Portsmouth. 29. Capt. Sir John Watts to Nicholas. Sends him one of the owners of the great French ship. Another French ship brought in, of 100 tons, laden with French wines. If he does not receive counter orders he shall bring up the Lion into the Thames. Hopes for a fair wind, that their victuals may last.

Dec. 17. Aboard the Globe in Stokes Bay. 30. Capt. Thomas Philpot to Buckingham, addressed as "most illustrious Prince." Himself and Capt. Paramour had convoyed the cloth ships to the Elbe, where they arrived on the 10th inst. Being driven from the Elbe by stress of weather, they had been unable to make the Downs, and had been driven into Stokes Bay, whence they would return to the Downs as soon as possible.

Dec. 17. Tehidie. 31. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Had taken measures to stay French ships. John Trewinnard, a dep. searcher at St. Ives, had already taken the sails off a French ship at St. Ives, and scornfully refused to deliver them up although shown the Duke's warrant. Bad influence of such conduct amongst a people who are already too apt to do anything to disadvantage the Duke's service.

Dec. 18. Kingsthorp. 32. Dr. Samuel Clerke to Sec. Conway. The Countess of Denbigh had lately moved the Duke in his behalf for the Deanery of Worcester, which will presently be made void by the preferment of Dr. Hall. The Duke gave a gracious answer, the rather that Mr. Saladin, tutor to Lord Kenelm, Lady Denbigh's son, and to the Lord Chamberlain's son, might thereupon succeed the writer in the mastership of an hospital at Leicester. Has been chaplain in ordinary nine years, and never sought preferment.

Dec. 18. Ramsgate. 33. William Euers and others to Sir John Hippisley. Information that Henry Reeve, of Sandwich, with a company of nineteen armed men, violently wrested from the writers a French ship which they were about to bring to Ramsgate pier.

Dec. 18. Doctor's Commons. 34. Richd. Wyan to Nicholas. Sends commission and interrogatories for Bristol. Great complaint made against Salleneuve for taking a ship of Lubeck and bringing her into Weymouth. Hoped to have found some information on the subject in the letter sent by Nicholas, but that being in French is heathen Greek to the writer.

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Dec. 18. 35. Account of monies disbursed by John Attewell for provisions brought to his Majesty's house at Chatham Hill, for the use of the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy there assembled this day; with underwritten certificate of Phineas Pett.

Dec. 18. Portsmouth. 36. Capt. Sir John Watts to Buckingham. Sir Wm. Russell having refused to repay Mr. Brookes the 300*l.* which he had offered to advance, that offer is withdrawn. Sir John purposes to furnish the fleet on his own credit, and to come away with the first fair wind. Begs the money may be sent down. Has eight ships with 700 men in them.

Dec. 18. Portsmouth. 37. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information in the preceding. Will set sail with the first fair wind, but the clamour of those to whom money is due much troubles him. Entreats the money may be sent to him, and that he may not depart from the port in disgrace. It is his unhappiness to be commanded and to want the means to perform.

Dec. 18. 38. Wm. Burrell to Wm. Trumbull, Clerk of the Council. Sends his man for various books which are needed for present use. The contracts for ships are some of them in the hands of Mr. Edisbury, who will look them up. The rest Burrell will bring to Trumbull that day, that he may take notes of them as he will, so that Burrell may carry them away, for they are his evidences for great sums.

Dec. 19. 39. D. Burton to Nicholas. Mr. Hugessen [Hugonson] is to be bound in 1,000*l.* to the Duke of Buckingham, if certain packs of coral seized at Portsmouth prove good prize within twelve months.

Dec. 19. 40. Interrogatories administered to Kenrick Edisbury, Paymaster of the Navy, by the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy.

Dec. 19. 41. Answers of Kenrick Edisbury to the preceding interrogatories.

Dec. 19. Aboard the Desire in the Downs. 42. Christopher Bulger, Master of the Desire, to Buckingham. Has stayed a French bark, Corneille Bloquet, Master, and reports the nature of her lading. *Incloses,*

42. I. *Bill of lading of goods for Hamburgh. Rouen,* 1626, *Dec.* $\frac{8}{18}$.

42. II. *Another bill of lading of goods for London. Rouen,* 1626, *Dec.* $\frac{9}{19}$.

Dec. 19. The Downs. 43. Capt. Wm. Cooke to Nicholas. Is grieved that false information should be given against the captains of the City ships. Incloses a letter which they hope the Duke will take into his consideration, also a journal of their proceedings. *Inclose,*

43. I. *Capt. Wm. Cooke and thirteen others, captains of the ships furnished by the City of London to Buckingham. Give a minute report of their proceedings from the* 10*th inst., and beseech him to believe that when wind and weather*

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were fitting he would find no neglect in them. The six ships bound for the French King's service are detained at Amsterdam. 1626, *December* 19.

43. II. *Brief journal of their course from the 7th to the 17th December.*

Dec. 19. 44. Sir Henry Palmer to Nicholas. Had received his account, but nothing to the purpose. Reminds Nicholas of his promise to get his account underwritten, and also to send him a warrant for his payment for the time he had served. Hopes he shall not be put "to seek after the sitting of the Commissioners." His attendance has been chargeable enough, and he must be gone, leaving his business no forwarder than when he came up.

Dec. 19. Star Chamber. 45. The Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to ———, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, directing him to charge [John] Ackworth; [John] Wells, Keeper of the Stores; Falkner, Clerk of the Check; and [Kenrick] Edisbury, to make their immediate repair to the Star Chamber in the Messenger's company, to answer before the Commissioners to such things as should be objected against them.

Dec. 19. 46. Attorney General Heath to the Council. Reports his opinion on a petition from an English creditor of a late Bailiff of one of the Channel Islands. The will of the late Bailiff being disputed the creditor remained unpaid. The Attorney General recommends a letter to be addressed to the Bailiff and Jurats to urge on the suit, and to see that the petitioner's debt were paid out of the first monies received, to John Le Vavasseur, son of Michael Le Vavasseur, on the petitioner's account.

Dec. 19. Star Chamber. 47. Note of books and papers of Mr. Burrell perused by Mr. Aylesbury, Sir Robt. Cotton, Sir Wm. Heydon, and Sir John Trevor, Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy.

Dec. 19. 48. Copy or duplicate of the preceding; with marginal memoranda of the redelivery of various books and papers to Mr. Burrell on Dec. 20.

Dec. 20. 49. Certificate of Sir Nicholas Poyntz and others, described as "the better sort of prisoners in Newgate," as to the carriage in prison of John Tapps.

Dec. 20. 50. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. The 40*l.* paid to Mr. Huncks had been refused to be allowed in Holland, and so also the 30*l.* paid to Mr. Conway, Lord Conway's son. Fr.

Dec. [20.] 51. Petition of Henry Waltham to the Council:—On pretence of his owing 500*l.* to the King he was sent for in November last; has given bond for the money in the Court of Admiralty, which ought to be a discharge; is a merchant [of Weymouth] trading in cloth and employing above 200 people, his trade being wholly into France, where his goods are stayed by a general restraint; prays that he may be admitted to speak by counsel.

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Dec. 20. 52. Certificate of Christopher Vernon of the compositions made with the Commissioners for Sale of his Majesty's Lands, in fee-farm, from 1626, Sept. 27, to the 5th Dec. The sum received was 29,996*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*; the old rents reserved amounted to 830*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; the increased rents, to 856*l.* 14*s.* 11½*d.*

Dec. 20. 53. Uncertified copy of the preceding.

Dec. 20. 54. Another copy with some additions and corrections. The amounts stand as follows: the sum received, 30,767*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*; the old rents, 854*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; increased rents, 879*l.* 7*s.* 11½*d.*

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London. For his favour to the Company of Innholders of London in renewing their charter. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 21. 55. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. Shall be absent until the day after Christmas. Can get no money for the King's business. It is his employment day and night, and he has put all his private practice off, but has never had a penny from the King. The Duke has honorably interposed, but Wyan is turned over from one to another with as much scorn as if he begged.

Dec. 21. 56. Payments made by anticipation of the ordinary revenue; total 162,119*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

Dec. 21. 57. Estimate of John Mason and Peter Pett for repairs of the King's dock at Woolwich, necessary to be done for the reception of the Triumph and Swiftsure; 160*l.*

Dec. 21. 58. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 21. 59. Lord Keeper Coventry to the King. Report on a petition of Sarah Lady Hastings, respecting disputes between her and Sir Edwd. Zouch, relating to their rights under the will of the late Lord Zouch. These disputes had been referred by the parties to the Lord Steward of the Household, and the Countess of Bedford, whose award the Lord Keeper thought should be adhered to, with one slight alteration. [*Copy.*]

Dec. [22.] 60. Interrogatories for examination of John Wells and John Ackworth before the Special Commissioners for inquiry into the state of the navy.

Dec. 22. 61. Answer of John Ackworth to the interrogatories before mentioned.

Dec. 22. 62. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. His Majesty had signed three letters concerning the draining of Hatfield Chase, which it is hoped will facilitate the work.

Dec. 22. Whitehall. 63. Sir Robert Aiton to Sir Francis Nethersole. In answer to his congratulations on his restoration to an office about the Queen. The Queen of Bohemia may rely upon it that he will watch for all occasions of doing her service with the Queen, his mistress, although

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her Majesty need no remembrancer on such occasions. He is to have a fellow joined with him, rather he hopes for his good than for his disgrace.

Dec. 22. Star Chamber. 64. Order of Council:—That the survey of ships and stores directed by order of the 23d of Oct. last, to be made by the former Commissioners of the Navy, should now be proceeded with by the said Commissioners, they taking care not to interfere with the persons already deputed by the Council to make a similar survey.

Dec. 22. 65. Draft of the preceding. [*On the blank page is written a memorandum that Sir Norton Knatchbull, then lying at the Sun in Cheapside, was to attend the Lord Admiral, and was to call to mind the words that the collector gave concerning Sir Dudley Digges's answer before the Lord Tufton.*]

Dec. 22. Star Chamber. 66. The Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to Attorney General Heath. It being necessary that money should be issued to the Commissioners for charges and rewards of persons employed, he is to prepare a Privy Seal for payment to Sackville Crow of 500*l.* on account, and of such further sums as shall be required, under the hand of five of the Commissioners. [*Draft.*]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. 67. The King to Buckingham. The King being informed that there are at Havre de Grace six or eight ships, lately bought by the French King in the Low Countries, and intended to be employed to the great prejudice of England, the Duke is directed to command the captains of the ships set forth by the City of London to repair to Havre, and there to take or sink the said ships.

Dec. 22. Whitehall. 68. The same to the same. The King being informed that there was at Rochelle great store of ships intended to be employed to the great prejudice of England, the Duke is directed to give command to Capt. Pennington and the other captains of the ships set forth by the City of London to repair to Rochelle, and there to take, sink, or burn all such ships.

Dec. 22. The Downs. 69. Capt. John Lowe to Nicholas. Two French ships came into the Downs that day. The King's pinnace stayed one; the other named the Oliver, was stayed by the writer. Some Holland ships report that four of the ships they were to look out for were gone five weeks since; one other was cast away, and another is still at Enckhuysen. The fleet had gone to sea that night. Begs Nicholas to pacify the Duke. The wind and weather had been so contrary, that they could not do more than they had done.

Dec. 22. Bristol. 70. Wm. Willett to the same. Reports his proceedings respecting the Flemish ship which, having been taken by the Dunkirkers, was afterwards driven by stress of weather into Bristol. After he had been four days in possession, a claim had been set up by the Sheriffs of Bristol, who had seized the ship and insisted that she belonged to them. Begs directions what to do.

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Dec. 22. 71. Order of the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy:—Mr. Burrell having stated, that the defects of the Bonaventure arose from her being too high in the stern and above decks, and that if she were taken lower she would be as good a sailor as the ships built at Dunkirk, the Lord Admiral was requested to submit the same to his Majesty, so that a trial thereof might be made. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 22. 72. Draft thereof.

Dec. 23. Prison [of Newgate.] 73. John Tapps to Sec. Conway. By the displeasure of the late Lord Chief Justice, and the persecution of James, the clerk and one of the keepers of that prison, he has been kept from the benefit of his pardon, which has been stayed at the Great Seal. Begs Lord Conway to perfect his work, by moving the Lord Keeper in his behalf, and in the meantime by sending some powerful warrant for his employment as a soldier.

Dec. [23?] 74. Sir Wm. Sandys to the same. Thanks for excusing Sir William's going into Hampshire, on account of his ill health. Begs Lord Conway to move the King, that he may permitted to stay [in London] this Christmas.

Dec. 23. Harold Stone. 75. Sir James Perrott to Wm. Earl of Pembroke. Reports the stay of the Tout Sainct, a French ship laden with salt for Dartmouth. Wishes for a commission for examination of persons who have concealed goods of ships lately wrecked on that coast.

Dec. 24. 76. Commissioners for the Loan for the County of Oxford to the High Sheriff of the same county. He is to summon the Commissioners for the Loan to meet for the execution of the Commission at the Town Hall of Oxford, on the 17th of Jan. 1627, by eight in the morning.

Dec. 24. 77. The same to the same. He is to direct all mayors and constables within the county to summon all persons assessed to the last subsidy to appear before the Commissioners for the Loan on certain specified days.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 78. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Commission appointing him Captain of the George, and Admiral of the fleet prepared by the City of London. Capt. Hawkridge to be transferred from the George to the Abigail, now commanded by Mr. Cheake in the absence of his father.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 79. The same to the same. Instructions. He is to make stay of all French ships and goods, and to ply for that purpose between ——— and St. Maloes, on the coast of France. If he meet with Dunkirkers or Spaniards he is to take or sink them, and is to intercept all Hamburghers or Lubeckers carrying munition to Spain.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 80. The same to the same. Further instructions. Advertisements being given that a Spanish fleet of 30 or 40 pataches is prepared to set forth from Biscay to Dunkirk, having on board 4,000

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men, and treasure to pay the Spanish troops in Flanders, and also that the said fleet is to come to St. Maloes, where command has been given by the French King that it shall be "friendly received," he is to repair to St. Maloes, and to ply up and down to intercept and take those pataches.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 81. Buckingham to Capt. John Pennington. Secret instructions in the handwriting of Nicholas. Four or six ships, bought by the French King in the Low Countries and now riding at Havre de Grace, are intended to be employed to the prejudice of his Majesty. As Pennington passes towards St. Maloes he is to find out those ships, and to give the Captains of them some occasion to fall out with him, whereupon he is to take or sink them. If they will not meddle first with him, he is to pick some quarrel with them, and so to assail and take them.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 82. The same to all Mayors and other officers. Capt. John Pennington being employed in his Majesty's special service is to be furnished with five horses for himself, three servants, and a guide, for his better expedition to Dover.

Dec. 24. Aboard the Benediction, in the Downs. 83. Capt. Robt. Orme to Nicholas. Reports the stay of a French ship, laden with High Country wine, which he had sent on for London. Answers complaints which he thinks had been made against him to the Duke of Buckingham. He does not undertake that office to get a living, but for his delight, neither does he value his life if he may do honour to his country. They have been forced into the Downs, but will sail again as soon as possible. Sir John Watts and other ships arrived last night.

Dec. 24. Bristol. 84. Wm. Willett to the same. Capt. Harris had arrived in King Road with the Phœnix. As he was at Mount's Bay there came in a Hamburgher and a Frenchman. If the Hamburgher prove prize she will be welcome. Requests instructions what shall be done. Purposed to have acquainted Sir Wm. Russell, but has heard that he has given over his place of Treasurer of the Navy.

Dec. 24. Stokes Bay. 85. Capts. Thos. Philpot, Richd. Paramour, and Wm. Hemming to Buckingham. On the 22d, they stood towards the coast of France, and up to this day have arrested nine French ships, a Dutch ship, a Scottish bark laden with French goods, and a Dutch pink, which they suspect to be a freebooter, all which they have sent into Portsmouth, and delivered them to Capt. Towerson. *Inclose,*

85. I. *Note of all the ships taken by them, as before-mentioned, with their names, tonnage, names of the Masters, and various other particulars.*

Dec. 24. Dover. 86. Capt. Mervin Burley to Nicholas. Had brought into Dover two French ships, and had delivered them to Sir John Hippisley. Wants more men; is allowed but thirty, and he rows with twenty oars double handed. *Incloses,*

86. I. *Note of the lading of the two French ships above-mentioned.*

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Dec 24. Haverfordwest. 87. Justices of co. Pembroke to the Council. The Timothy, of London, one of Lord Willoughby's fleet, having come into Tenby, and being there detained by contrary winds, had applied for a supply of victuals. The supplies furnished to the King's soldiers on their return from Cadiz, having been questioned, the writers pray that the payments for those supplies may be allowed, and that directions may be given respecting the ship now at Tenby. *Inclose,*

87. 1. *Simon Morgan, Purser of the Timothy, to Dep. Lieuts. and others, Commissioners for co. Pembroke. His ship, employed in the King's service, had been driven into Tenby; requests a supply of victuals.* 1626, *Dec.* 23.

Dec. 24. Deal. 88. Capt. Wm. Hawkridge to Nicholas. The 23d, the day he parted from Nicholas, he lodged in Sandwich, where being overwearied he rested until noon. Reports what ships there are in the Downs. Looked for his ship that night from the Gore, and if he can, will put to sea. The Dunkirkers took two Scottish ships yesterday laden with wines. Wishes he would write to Portsmouth that the ships there should lie outside the Wight, which would save near two days.

Dec. 25. Deal. 89. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. Arrived at Deal by eight o'clock that morning, found fourteen sail of merchant ships, but his ship, the George, was still riding at Gore End. Found Capt. Hawkridge there, who had been unable to get aboard by reason of foul weather. Has sent to have the George come about with the first opportunity, and purposes not to lose an hour. The ships have only a month's victuals aboard.

Dec. 25. London. 90. John Urquhart [Urcard ?] to the Captains and Masters of the twenty sail of ships sent out by the City of London. These ships were to return to Blackwall by the 23d Jan. next, at which time the three months would have expired and the Committee will not be at any more charges.

Dec. 26. Dover. 91. Capt. John Warde to Nicholas. The ships furnished by the Cinque Ports were victualled only until January 4. As the Duke is Lord Warden, they hope they shall not be thrust out of employment when others stand.

Dec. 26. Tichborne. 92. Sir Richard Tichborne [to Sec. Conway]. His Lordship having given them a fair entrance to the business of the loan in Hants, the Commissioners will give a timely account of their proceedings. In his district, all who have appeared have either laid down their money or subscribed. His associate Commissioners are active in the service, especially those of the Church and Sir Henry Whitehead. In the New Forest district, of all that came before them there was no one refuser; but money is scarce in that wilderness, and the four companies of Col. Bruce's regiment lie yet upon their confines. The county has received comfort from the arrangement that the monies now lent are to be issued for payment of the soldiers, which

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they attribute to his Lordship's mediation. In the New Forest he found the collectors not all of sufficient ability for a collection which will amount to 1,600*l.* or 1,700*l.*

Dec. 26. Portsmouth. 93. Wm. Towerson to Buckingham. Sends a certificate of French ships and goods left in his custody by Sir John Watts and Capt. Philpot. He has taken all their sails ashore, and warned the crews against embezzlement. Wheat in the Dutch ship would perish if not unladen. *Incloses,*

93. I. *Certificate above mentioned.*

Dec. 26. Dover. 94. Luke Burden, Captain of one of the Cinque Port ships, to Nicholas. The Committee of the Cinque Ports purpose to send up their two ships about Thursday sennight, which is the expiration of the three months. Desires the Duke's directions.

Dec. 27. Aboard the George. 95. Capt. John Pennington, Admiral of the fleet prepared by the City of London, and other officers of the said fleet, to the Captains. Instructions to be observed by them.

Dec. 27. Bristol. 96. Capt. Christr. Harris to Nicholas. On Christmas Day [*sic*] he arrived in the Phoenix, in King Road, bringing with him the Hamburgher and the French ship before mentioned. [*See* 1626, *Dec.* 24, *No.* 84.]

Dec. 27. Dover Castle. 97. Sir John Hippisley to Buckingham. Twelve great dry vats had arrived for the Duke from Calais; he had stayed them till the other goods came. Sec. Coke had written for Bulger's French prize to be sent to London. Wants the commission for Camber Castle, and that the Assurance, of Dover, which he took up, may be paid. Finds by Capt. Pennington that all his men and ships are out of order; is doing his best to help him with pilots for the French coast, but wishes he had a press warrant.

Dec. 28. 98. Description of four men taken in the Violet, of Ipswich, on the coast of Holland.

Dec. 28. 99. Receipt of John Bentley, Collector, for 40*s.* received of Richd. Tutty, money subscribed to be lent to his Majesty.

Dec. 28. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Charles Morgan. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure for Sir John Borlace's coming over into England. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 28. Deal. 100. Capt. John Pennington to Buckingham. The wind has blown so violently that it has been impossible to loose a ship. They are now fifteen sail, of which he incloses a list; but the ships are poorly manned, and are mean things, unfit for men-of-war. They are, besides, overrated in burthen, and their ordnance of little use. The King and his Grace have been much abused respecting this fleet. It makes a noise with the name of twenty ships, but he would beat them all with two ships of the King's. Their ammunition is not more than enough for a fight of two hours, and they have order not

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to stay out longer than three months. He has written to Sir John Hippisley for pilots, but no defects shall keep him there one moment after he has weather. Wishes the Duke to order the ships at Portsmouth to meet him at Havre de Grace or St. Maloes. *Incloses,*

100. 1. *List of fifteen ships before mentioned.*

Dec. 28. 101. Thos. Wyan to Nicholas. Capt. Daniel Vasse had brought into Axeholme a prize laden with corn. Sends him to Nicholas to name Commissioners to protect the Duke's interests.

Dec. 28. 102. Petition of the bailiffs, inhabitants, and fishermen of Aldborough, Dunwich, Southwold, and Walberswick, co. Suffolk, to the high and mighty Prince, George Duke of Buckingham:—Set forth their great losses from the Dunkirkers, principally in consequence of the fleet for convoy not being ready in time. The Westmony fleet that usually goes for ling ought to be ready in February, and that for Iceland at the end of March; they pray that ships of war may be set forth in due time for their convoy.

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Frances Duchess of Richmond. Sends a petition of Mr. Lathom for a debt due to him from the late Duke. [*Minute, Conway's Letter Book, p.* 258.]

Dec. 29. 103. Opinion of Sir Thos. Love and Capt. John Mason as to where ships should be stationed to intercept vessels passing out of the Sound.

Dec. 29. 104. Petition of Moris-ap-John David Lloyd, keeper of the gaol within the lordship of Kynlleth Owen, to the Council:—Francis Ellis, of Penley, co. Flint, who had been in the petitioner's custody for debt, having escaped, was now lurking in the suburbs of London, and petitioner was prosecuted by Ellis's creditors; prays for a Council warrant to apprehend Ellis, and remand him to custody.

Dec. 29. 105. Nicholas's minutes of business to be brought before the Council by the Duke of Buckingham:—Discharge of Cinque Ports ships; money for ships to be stationed in the Downs; petition of fishermen of Suffolk; four Newcastle ships to be taken up for that service; Sir John Hippisley's claim for 36*l.* 1*s.*; proclamation against exporting pipe staves.

[Dec. 29.] 106. Names of pilots of Dover appointed to go in the fleet under Capt. Pennington, of whom all but two refused to serve.

Dec. 29. 107. Similar list of persons appointed to go from Sandwich, all of whom refused.

Dec. 29. 108. Deposition of Stephen Rickard, waiter in the port of Chester, concerning a bark, supposed to be a Dunkirker, which was supplied with butter and cheese in the river Pothelley, co. Caernarvon.

Dec. 30. 109. Petition of English merchants trading in French wines to the Council:—Their factors at Bordeaux "not misdoubting" the embargo there, had laden in English and Scottish bottoms above 4,000 tons of wines, part whereof had arrived in the Thames; these

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wines are the return for English cloth exported by the petitioners, and for which they are indebted to the clothiers; pray that they may be at liberty to land and sell their wines.

Dec. 30. Whitehall. 110. Order of Council, on the petition of the owners of French ships stayed at Portsmouth and St. Ives, and which ships are laden with fruits and Spanish wines:—That the ships should be brought round to London, and their cargoes be there disposed of according to the order of 10th inst. for disposal of French goods stayed being of a perishable nature.

Dec. 30. Whitehall. 111. Order of Council:—Order having been given to the Lord Lieuts. of Kent, Sussex, Hants, Dorset, and Berks, to receive the loans to his Majesty, and thereout to issue the charge of soldiers billeted upon the said counties, the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer are directed to issue warrants accordingly, and also for the passage-money of the soldiers that came lately from Plymouth and of the sailors that went down to their ships through Hampshire.

Dec. 30. 112. Copy of the preceding.

Dec. 30. 113. Petition of Calcott Chambre to the Council. For permission to export to Marseilles, Toulon, or elsewhere, beyond the States, a quantity of pipe staves imported from Ireland, and which have long remained unsaleable in London. [*Underwritten is an order complying with this request provided the Commissioners of the Navy did not intend to make use of the said pipe staves; also certificates from the Commissioners of the Navy that the same were not needed for the King's stores.*]

Dec. 30. Ragland Castle. 114. Henry Lord Herbert of Ragland to Buckingham. The loan in the counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan goes on with the wished success, cheerfully, and not without some repining against them that failed in their promises, and deceived his Majesty's expectation in not giving the supply necessary to a business of so high consequence. Monmouth, which is completed, will, he hopes, give a precedent to Glamorganshire and all Wales.

Dec. 31. Aboard the George in the Downs. 115. Capt. John Pennington to the Council. Got aboard his ship with difficulty on the 28th, and on the 29th set sail with all his fleet, but the wind veered, and blew so furiously that they were forced to return to the Downs. The Globe, the Merchant Bonaventure, and the Ellen have joined them in the Downs, but the weather has prevented his speaking with them. Will not lose a minute's time, having an extraordinary desire, besides his duty, to let the Frenchmen know that their insolences are not well taken nor shall pass unrevenged.

Dec. 31. Eton near Windsor. 116. Richard Daye to Sec. Conway. Recommends his project for sowing Windsor forest with acorns to the Sec.'s attention. [*See* 1626, *Jan.* 19, *No.* 94.]

Dec. 31. 117. Commissioners of the Navy to Walter Cooke and three other Masters of the Trinity House, and John Graves and three other

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master shipwrights in the Thames. Warrant directing them to make a complete survey of the navy, and to report minutely respecting the present condition of all the King's ships.

Dec. 31. 118. Duplicate of the preceding.

Dec. 31. Lees. 119. Robt. Earl of Warwick to Sec. Conway. Sends a list of certain of his countrymen, excellent masters and pilots, who are prisoners in Flanders. Begs Lord Conway to get them released in exchange for some of the prisoners whom the Earl delivered by Lord Conway's appointment.

[Dec.] 120. Lists of persons who did not appear before the Commissioners of the Loan in the upper division of the lathe of Sutton-at-Hone, co. Kent, and of such persons as refused to lend.

[Dec. ?] 121. Petition of David and Jacob Curiell, Michael de Pas, and others of Amsterdam, owners of goods in the Golden Herring, of Enckhuysen, to the Council:—On a return voyage from Barbary the ship was surprized by the fleet under Lord Willoughby, and brought round to London; pray that their goods may be delivered to them on giving security.

[Dec. ?] 122. Similar petition, with the additional prayer that no goods may be sold until Sir Henry Marten has given sentence in the cause.

[Dec. ?] 123. Account of the mode in which a debt of 20,000*l.* to [Burlamachi ?] was discharged; and a further account of the amount paid on account of 16,117*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* due to merchants of Rouen for goods sold and employed in his Majesty's service.

[Dec.] 125. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Had disbursed two months pay for the troops going to Stade, but the third month remains unprovided for. The money assigned to him for that purpose had been diverted to other services. Fr.

[Dec.] Star Chamber. 124. Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy to Sackville Crow. For payment of 5*l.* by way of imprest to Jonas Day, for riding from the Isle of Wight to Chatham by order of the Commissioners. [*Draft.*]

[Dec.] 126. Petition of Edward Stevens, Shipwright, to Buckingham and the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy:—Stands committed for disrespectful words spoken to Sir Sackville Trevor and Capt. Phineas Pett, on the survey of the Triumph at Woolwich; expresses contrition, and prays enlargement.

[Dec.] 127. Names of his Majesty's ships in the Medway and in the dry docks at Chatham surveyed by the Special Commissioners; with the names of the persons by whom each ship was surveyed.

[Dec.] 128. Names of such persons as the Commissioners for French goods think fit to be deputed in every port for unlading, inventorying, appraising, and putting up in safe custody the French goods.

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[Dec.] 129. Sir Thos. Middleton, Sir Paul Pindar, Sir John Wolstenholme, Sir Maurice Abbot, Aldermen Hugh Hammersley, Ralph Freeman, Thos. Moulson, Richard Venn, and Abraham Jacob, and Henry Garway, Commissioners for French goods, to the Mayor of Plymouth. Sir Jas. Bagg, Nicholas Sherwill and Abraham Colman, Aldermen of Plymouth, Wm. Birch, Wm. Heale, and Matthew Edgecomb, appointing them to be the Commissioners' substitutes.

[Dec.] 130. Wm. Towerson [to Nicholas]. The Gift of God, of St. Maloes, laden with fruit and Malaga wine, was to discharge her goods by warrant from the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Calls upon Nicholas to hasten the Duke's private letter to Towerson to stay their proceedings, and to send it away by the running post.

[Dec.] 131. Petition of John Delabarre to the Council:—There being of late no English ships at Nantes, wines were laden for him in a French vessel which has arrived in London, prays that he may be permitted to land and dispose of the same notwithstanding the restraint.

[Dec. ?] 132. Petition of Bailiffs and Aldermen of Ipswich to the same:—On receipt of the letter of the 29th July last for providing two ships for the King's service, with contribution from the maritime towns and the county, they acquainted the other towns, who all excused themselves; and an endeavour to collect a fourth part of the charge in Ipswich was unsuccessful, for reasons expressed in their former petition, and which they now more shortly report.

[Dec.] 133. Minutes of business to be brought before the Council by Sec. Conway. The Earl of Northampton's requests, (*see* 1626, *Dec.* 6, *No.* 31, *and Dec.* 7, *No.* 44,) and that of the Earl of Warwick, that certain pilots now prisoners at Dunkirk might be exchanged (*see* 1626, *Dec.* 31, *No.* 119,) also a request of the Dep. Lieuts. of Hants, pressing the removal of those soldiers intoDorsetshire that are to go thither.

[Dec.] 134. Minutes of papers to be submitted to the King. Amongst them:—Declaration that the King will not grant the reversions of Lord Arundel of Wardour's lands to any person; annexation of the parish church of St. Mary Witton to that of St. Andrew, both in Droitwich; recommendation of Peter Golding as a scholar of Sutton's Hospital; allowance of 1,000*l.* to Sir Isaac Wake for his transport from Turin to Venice, and 1,000*l.* for his sojourn at the Court of Saxony; payment of the Queen's debts for Barges, 410*l.*, and to Dr. Cademan, 100*l.*

[Dec. ?] 135. Sir Edward Zouch to the King, entitled "for your Majesty's private instruction." Sets forth in what way he proposes to perform the award, [*see* 1626, *Dec.* 21, *No.* 59,] and if it be not satisfactory, prays for a protection or some employment or leave to go beyond sea.

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[Dec. ?] 136. Petition of Thos. Thorold, Charles Snelling, Wm. Barkeley, and eight others, English merchants, to the Council:—The Henry and the Gift of God, laden by the petitioners, arrived at Newhaven about the 7th inst., and were there arrested by Mons. de Villieurs, the Governor, in reprisal for a ship of that town taken by the fleet lately set forthand brought into the Thames; pray for relief.

[Dec. ?] 137. Petition of about 300 shipwrights, artificers, and labourers at Chatham, to the same:—Having been kept in the King's work 12 months without pay or allowance for meat and drink, many have "pawned all they can make," others have been turned out of doors, and their wives and children are crying for food; pray that they may be paid.

[Dec. ?] 138. Similar petition to the illustrious Prince, George Duke of Buckingham.

[Dec.] 139. Petition of Thos. Annonnier, of the Isle of Rhé, to Buckingham:—Prays for permission to remove his ship, the St. Andrew, from Southampton, where it is detained by the general embargo, to Plymouth. Fr.

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[1626 ?] 1. Treatise entitled, "How a state may best provide itself for a war." The author draws his inferences from the example of the United Provinces, and points to three things as necessary: frugality, traffic, and the excise. He sets forth the advantages of the last of these over the mode of supply by subsidies.

2. Minutes of business to be brought before the King:—Resumption of a grant of Waltham Leigh made to Henry Gibb, and grant of lands in Durham in lieu thereof; cause relating to the manor of Whitchurch, co. Buckingham, to be referred to the Lord Keeper; payment of the Queen's tradesmen and two warders of the Tower; brief for building a church in Yarmouth [Eremouth], Isle of Wight; recommendation of a son of John Basnett, one of his Majesty's footmen, to be a scholar in Sutton's Hospital; grant of making a Baron to Lady Burgh, in extinguishment of her pension; letter to the Emperor of Russia that Wm. Rawley may have liberty to trade in those parts; Mr. Paulett's business; protestation of fidelity from principal Irishmen; 219*l.* to Florence McCarthy to defray his charges of imprisonment in the Gate House.

3. Similar minutes of applications for letters patent for naturalizing Lady Conway; for a presentation to Dr. Dodd, one of the King's Chaplains, to the parsonage of Astbury, in Cheshire; for allowance of 30 ducats per month to Bartholomeo Ziraldi, Italian

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Secretary to Sir Hen. Wotton at Venice; for a letter for Preston, the priest; and for order for 1,000*l.*, borrowed by the late Viscount St. Albans of Sir John Wolstenholme in 1616, to be repaid out of the annuity granted to the said Viscount out of the Alienation Office.

4. Similar minutes for naturalization of Lady Katherine Conway; renewal of charter to Ludlow; reference to the Lord Keeper of the cause between John Waterhouse and the copyholders of Whitchurch, co. Bucks.

5. Note of wardrobe expenses of the King's Household for the first year of his reign: total, 15,277*l.*

6. Proposal for a survey of the Royal Wardrobes, and statement of reasons for the necessity thereof.

7. Minute of the contents of the Commission for the Survey of the Wardrobes.

8. Names of officers of the King's Robes under the late and present King, with suggestion that the things in charge of those officers ought to be delivered to them by inventory. On the same paper is a reference, unsigned, to the Attorney General, to draw up a Commission to the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Chamberlain, the Secretaries of State, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the preparation of an inventory accordingly.

9. Note of furs which belonged to the late King wherewith the Earl of Carlisle, Gentleman of the Robes, stands answerable to the present King. They consist principally of cloaks, gowns, and gloves, lined with sables.

10. The King to Sir Francis Crane. By the King's command, a pavilion, embroidered with silver upon tawny velvet and satin, intended for his service during his being in Spain, was afterwards left in England in the care of Spencer Lord Compton, Master of the Robes. The pavilion having been disposed of, Sir Francis is directed to deliver back to Lord Compton the book in which he stands charged therewith. [*Unsigned.*]

11. Minute of a petition of the Equerries attending the King to his Majesty:—The Queen's Equerries have an allowance of 100*l.* per annum apiece secured by Privy Seal, and charged on the receipts from Durham; the King's Equerries pray for the same allowance, charged on the receipts from Suffolk, Cambridge, and Lincoln.

12. Number of dishes allowed in the diet or liveries of the Queen's Household.

13. "A present for the King's most excellent Majesty:" a treatise by Wm. Sanderson, on the King's right to appoint a Royal Exchanger, and the advantages to be derived therefrom. [*Imperfect.*]

14. Evidence that the office of Royal Exchanger existed in ancient times, and has continued 400 years.

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15. Proclamation giving currency to certain new pieces of angel gold of the value of 30*s.*, 15*s.*, and 10*s.*, with other new coins both of gold and silver, all minutely described. [*Draft, in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath.*]

16. List of Sheriffs for the year 1626.

17. Form of warrant to the Attorney General to prepare a grant of the dignity of Baronet.

18. Brief note of grants made by James I. to Dudley Norton, Thos. Gurling, and John Butler, and of grant of the demesne lands of the lordship of Burnaston in co. York, on which last grant the reserved rent of 12*l.* was in arrear for 15 years up to 22nd James I.

19. Request to the King to substitute Ralph Goodwyn and Sampson Eure in the place of Meredith Morgan and Robert Vaughan in a grant of the Examiner's office in the Marches of Wales.

20. Bishop Montaigne of London to all Ministers and Churchwardens in his Diocese. Charging them to correct the misbehaviour of men and boys who sit covered in church during divine service; and also charging ministers not to omit the reading of divine service before their sermons. [*Printed.*]

21. Questions and answers respecting the power of the Stewards of Bishops in dealing with the lands of their sees. [*In the handwriting of Bishop Laud.*]

22. The process for making a Bishop. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud.*]

23. Fees on the appointment and consecration to a Bishopric, without a commendam; total, 333*l.*: of which 5*l.* is "for the confirmation dinner," and 110*l.* for the consecration dinner at Lambeth and fees to the Archbishop's servants.

24. A pretended list of books, satirical and anti-jesuitical.

25. Account of fines imposed on recusants-convict in the county of Kent from the 26th of Elizabeth to the 2nd of Charles I.

26. Proposal for recalling the Commission for demising the estates of recusants, [*Fœdera*, xviii., 729, 851, 937,] and substituting a general Commission for disposing of those estates to his Majesty's best advantage.

27. Anonymous petition [but in the handwriting of Sir Robert Heath] to the King:—The revenue from the forfeiture of recusants is much decayed, the same not amounting to full 6,000*l.* per annum; Parliament had propounded ways of increasing the amount; if hereafter the King should give allowance to the judgment of Parliament, yet both then and in the meantime it would be necessary to appoint a surveyor of that part of the King's revenue; the petitioner prays that he may be appointed, offering to yield 6,000*l.* per annum and half the surplusage for the first year, and 20,000*l.* per annum afterwards.

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28. Information that Matthew Blacklidge, who was employed by both the Queen's priests to carry letters to the King of France's confessor, and from thence to the Archduchess, had lately returned to England again, and was travelling from place to place.

29. Statement of the law with reference to the liability of merchants born in England of aliens to the payment of double custom [*Underwritten are copies of opinions of the Judges Sir Henry Yelverton and Sir Thomas Walmsley that such persons are not liable.*]

30. ——— to Nicholas. Legal opinion, unsigned, on the following points:—1, Whether the Lord Admiral may appeal from his own Judge in the Admiralty? which is answered in the affirmative; 2, Whether there is just cause for appeal against the sentence given in the case of the ship in Berehaven, claimed as a derelict? which is answered in the negative.

31. Questions respecting the practical working of the law of wreck, and other matters connected with the droits of the Admiralty, partly prepared by Nicholas. [*Draft. It is indorsed "Mr. Wylliamson, a proctor in Knight-rider Street."*]

32. Opinion of Attorney General Heath, that a gift by Thomas Steine of certain rents and profits to the Curriers Company to maintain the Company is a good use and saves the lands from forfeiture.

33. Propositions humbly offered to the Council by the Masters of the Chancery, whether it standeth not with fitness and equity that they should have some reasonable salary from his Majesty.

34. Numbers of the men in twelve regiments enumerated under the names of their colonels; perhaps those who returned from the expedition to Cadiz: total 3,656 men.

35. Account by Sir Jas. Bagg of the several places in which various soldiers were billeted in Devonshire and Cornwall; probably the same persons mentioned in the last article.

36. Petition of the Quartermasters to the Council of War:—The troops being about to be removed into other shires, and the Quartermaster-General being about to go down to them, they pray for money to enable them to do the same.

37. [Dep. Lieuts. of co. Gloucester to Wm. Earl of Northampton Lord Lieut.] Thos. Gwatkin and William King, having trained the soldiers in that county, had been superseded by the Council, who had appointed John Spilman. The writers desire Lord Northampton to use his influence that Gwatkin and King may be retained.

38. Dep. Lieuts. of co. Stafford to the Council. The Trained Infantry had been exercised "this summer," and order given for supply of some defects "for want of fashionable arms." The Trained Cavalry, for the most part, made default, on account of their horses

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being otherwise employed, which they had been charged to remedy in future. The Lord Lieut. [the Earl of Essex], before he went into the Low Countries, provided a magazine of powder which is about to be exchanged for new.

39. Sums claimed by Capt. Sir Thos. Thornhurst, Sergeant-Major in the expedition to Cadiz: 384*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

40. Petition of seventeen poor Irishmen, soldiers, prisoners at Canterbury, to the Council:—Having been in the service of the Archduchess, they had returned to England in obedience to his Majesty's proclamation; on arrival at Dover they had been thrown into gaol, where they had continued many months, but lately had been removed to Canterbury; pray that they may be released, and allowed to enter the King's service in their own country.

41. List of all the seaport towns throughout the kingdom, with their several members.

42. Proposition for defence of the kingdom, by enjoining upon every shire to set forth one ship, and every seaport several ships, to be formed into four fleets; one to intercept the Brazil fleet; another to lie in wait for shipping of Spain or Portugal; the third to stop all trading between the Groyne and the Sleeve; and the fourth to awe the Dunkirkers, and take all the French trade.

43. Statement, by Nicholas, of circumstances connected with the loan of the Vanguard and other ships to the French; written after the return of the ships, and, perhaps, in connection with the Parliamentary inquiry in 1626. [*Draft.*]

44. Petition of owners and masters of ships which served in the late fleet, and the most part of which are taken up again, to the Council of War:—They and their ships have served for sixteen months; each of their ships stood them in 200*l.* in furnishing, and their creditors daily threaten to arrest them; pray that they may receive their pay for their service.

45. Petition of the Captains of the late fleet to the same:—Having been at a great expense in their preparations, and having suffered much by storms and sickness, they now understand that the pay allowed is no more than the ordinary rate; pray for an increase of salary, as the landsmen have, and as was formerly granted to the Captains of the Algiers voyage. [*Underwritten is a memorandum that the petition was referred to the Council.*]

46. Petition of the distressed wives of almost 2,000 poor mariners remaining most miserable captives in Sallee in Barbary to the Duke of Buckingham:—Their husbands have for a long time continued in most miserable estate, suffering such unspeakable misery and tortures that they are almost forced "to convert from their Christian religion;" the petitioners have exhibited many petitions to his Majesty, but could never yet receive any one answer, and

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have now exhibited another; they pray the Duke in his wonted goodness and gracious pity towards poor women and miserable captives, to intercede with the King in their behalf.

47. Petition of John Wells, Store-keeper for the Navy, to Buckingham:—For seven and a half years he has faithfully laboured in his Majesty's service, and has never received any part of his entertainment; prays that such stores as are unserviceable at Deptford and Chatham may be sold, towards payment of his arrears, amounting to 1,300*l.*

48. Note intended for some Privy Councillor, soliciting his support of a petition of a great number of poor mariners, for the enforcement of the law which prohibits the shipping of merchandise in strangers' bottoms. [*It appears from an indorsement that the petition was referred to Sec. Coke.*]

49. Petition of Thos. Pearce and others, owners of the Angel, of London, to Buckingham:—For release of their ship, prepared for "a salmon fishing in Ireland," but stayed by a general order of restraint.

50. [Buckingham to "Officers of the Navy."] To make sale of the Peter, a flyboat, a prize, formerly lent to Sir John Wentworth, and now remaining fruitless at St. Ives, in Cornwall.

51. The same to ———. Warrant for payment of Thomas Heyline, who had served chaplain in the Assurance at the Elbe, after the rate of 4*d.* a month out of every man's pay that served in that ship, being the sum allowed by the Council to chaplains of King's ships. [*Address not filled up.*]

52. Form of letter from the Council to the Dep. Lieuts. His Majesty being about to set out a fleet, for which 2,350 men are required beyond what can be obtained in London, the persons addressed are required to muster the mariners of their county, and thereout to choose a certain number, who are to be at a place appointed at a given day; 12*d.* is to be paid to them on impressment, and a halfpenny a mile conduct money. [*Draft.*]

53. Note of the services of Philip Alard, Purser of the Prince Royal. He had served on the return voyage of the King, when Prince, from Spain, and on the conveyance of the Queen out of France.

54. Statement of abuses in various offices of the navy; a paper delivered to Buckingham.

55. Proposal for a general Muster of all the seamen of England.

56. List of thirteen of the King's ships. [*Indorsed "Mr. Stevens."*]

57. List of ships employed in extraordinary service in 1625 and 1626, with the amounts paid for wages, and saved out of the medium. It includes full lists of the ships employed in the Cadiz

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expedition, and the expedition under Lord Willoughby. The number of men paid was, in 1625, 10,773; in 1626, 5,450; the wages paid in 1625, 64,511*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; in 1626, 40,547*l*, 18*s.* 11*d.*

58. List of naval Captains recommended to Buckingham for some contemplated service.

59. Sir John Savile to Nicholas. Requests that he would deliver commissions to James Duppa, Captain of the Truelove, of Ipswich, as Admiral; to John Tinker, Captain of the Mary Anne, of Aldborough, as Vice Admiral; and to Henry Cheney, Captain of the May Flower, of London, as Rear Admiral.

60. Legal opinion on the question, whether condemnation be necessary to make goods taken by a privateer lawful prize? The opinion is in the negative.

61. Instructions for ordering captains and companies serving as men-of-war under letters of marque or reprisal. [*Draft.*]

62. Buckingham to [one of his Vice Admirals : instructions for the better ordering his Vice Admirals.

63. The same to ———. Sir Henry Mervyn, Admiral of the Narrow Seas desires to have —*l.* imprested on his pay for 1627. The person addressed is to give order to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay the same.

64. Answers of Nicholas to queries of Buckingham's Commissioners for Admiralty businesses, relating principally to the Duke's Admiralty droits.

65. Petition of Henry Andrews, John Duckett, Lawrence Halsted, Hugh Perry, Wm. Baily, and Warwick Fownes, merchants of London, to the Council:—Having had cloth lying on their hands since May last, they shipped the same for Calais five months ago, and now pray that they may be allowed to export it.

66. Complaint of Wm. Ashwell respecting certain gunpowder taken out of a ship of his by a man-of-war of Enckhuysen.

67. Petition of the same to the Council:—Sets forth the steps taken by him to procure satisfaction for the gunpowder mentioned above, and prays redress.

68. Petition of Wm. Ball to Buckingham:—The Royal Defence, of which he is part owner, having been employed in the King's service, a bill passed on the 9th Oct. last for Sir Wm. Russell to pay 645*l.* 17*s.* to the petitioner; his creditors having cast him into prison for the ship's debts, he prays that he may be paid 145*l.* 17*s.* on account, or that Sir Wm. Russell may discharge the ship's debts and set him free.

69. Petition of John Hall, Captain of the Aletheia and his company of 100 poor sailors, to Buckingham:—Pray that seven ships laden with provisions for Spain, and captured by the petitioners in the Channel, may be adjudged lawful prize.

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70. Petition of Cornelius Michaelsen Blawe, of Amsterdam, owner of the Hunter, of Amsterdam, to the Council:—His ship had been seized and brought into the Thames by John Hall; prays that the ship and lading may be kept in sequestration, but preserved entire till after lawful examination.

71. Petition of John le Bon de Gingets, master of the Fortune of Caberton, near Bayonne, to the same:—Prays to be allowed freight of the lading of the Fortune, although the same, consisting of prohibited goods, had been adjudged prize.

72. Petition of John Butler to the same:—His ship, the Robert, of Newcastle, having been captured by a Dunkirker and released on an agreement to pay 300*l.* ransom, was immediately afterwards taken by a Dutch ship and carried into Holland, where she was unjustly condemned to pay 150*l.* as for redemption from the Dunkirker; prays that he may have redress against any Hollander that may come to Newcastle.

73. Statement of the case of certain French sailors, who, having been thrown into prison at Plymouth on suspicion of being pirates, but afterwards discharged, had been again detained at Exeter; being in hunger and wretchedness they pray to be brought to London and there heard and judged. Fr.

74. State of the suit of Henry Michell and Barnard Michell as it depends before the Council Board:—In August last Henry and Barnard Michell petitioned to retain in their hands 260*l.* received out of the Orange Tree stayed at Weymouth; the Lords referred the question to Sir Henry Marten, whose report was accompanied by a new petition which is here abridged.

75. Copy of the preceding.

76. Petition of Philip Burlamachi to the same:—On the 1st of August [1626] the Lords ordered the Commissioners of Weymouth to deliver to Burlamachi, or to Robert Cudner for his use, all the remaining goods of the Orange Tree; they were accordingly brought to London, and Burlamachi disbursed their value; prays that he may sell the same.

77. Petition of the master and mariners lately serving in the Pearl to the Council:—the goods brought home by them from the East Indies having been ordered to be sold, the petitioners being on the point to perish for want of relief, pray that in respect of their 32 months voyage and their want of employment since December last, their wages may be paid out of the produce of the sale, and that certain other goods belonging to the petitioners and remaining in the Custom House may be restored to them. [*On the fly-leaf is an account of the goods last mentioned.*]

78. Petition of Henry Pickes to Buckingham, for release of the Primrose, of Ipswich, stayed in the Thames by the Duke's order.

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79. Petition of Peter Richaut, of London, Merchant Stranger, to the same:—The St. Peter having been driven by foul weather into Weymouth, had been there seized by the Court of Admiralty; the claim was contested, and 200*l.* deposited in the hands of Sir Henry Marten for charges; the ship and goods having now been ordered to be given up to the petitioner, he prays that he may be allowed his charges out of the 200*l.*

80. Petition of the masters and owners of the St. Lucas, the White Unicorn, and the Esperance, of Hamburgh, to the King:—In Sept. last they left Hamburgh for Spain with passes from the Commanders of the King's ships in the Elbe; they were afterwards seized by a Scottish ship and taken into Leith; it is pretended that six bales of linen, six barrels of aurum pigmentum, and 250 cheeses, are prohibited goods, which is denied; pray for their release.

81. Petition of Capt. Martin Tison, of Flushing, to the Council:—Has been employed for three years under a commission from the late Prince of Orange to surprise "their enemies;" having been driven by weather into Portsmouth, with a ship of Lisbon taken by him at sea, the Vice Admiral of that place has made stay of his prize; prays for her immediate discharge.

82. Petition of Robert Watson, John Bee, and others, owners of the Barbara, to Buckingham:—Petitioners are ruined by the Admiral of France unjustly taking their ship to serve as a man-of-war against the Protestants; pray for letters of reprisal.

83. Estimate of the charge for casting 30 tons of brass ordnance from the King's metal brought from divers forts and castles, being broken and unserviceable pieces.

84. Answers to objections to certain newly invented light ordnance lately tried in the Artillery Garden, and suggested for use on the upper decks of the King's ships.

85. Certificate of Edward Hoarne as to arms and ammunition received into Sandown Castle on the 10th November 1625, and what remains of the same.

86. Note of ordnance in store undisposed of; and of the applications for ordnance made by the towns of Aldborough and Southwold.

87. Another note to the same effect, but with some slight difference in the wording.

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[1626?] 1. Paper, in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, entitled "Remembrances for the King's service at my going to Court." It relates to modes of increasing the revenue by 150,000*l.* per annum, "as much as two subsidies," by letting the lands of recusants, laying a tax on foreign fisheries, making new arrangements respecting madder, Virginia tobacco, the manufacture of soap, draining the fens, and disafforesting distant forests.

2. Suggestions for improvement of the revenue of the Court of Wards, principally by securing faithful certificates from feodaries.

3. Henry Clifford to Buckingham. To hope any longer for remedy for the King's necessities from Parliament is to expect a physician after death. The writer suggests, that the King's wants should be supplied, by taking into his hands the property of those who profess readiness to supply the King but dissemble as to their means.

4. Names of Commissioners for the Loan for the County of York.

5. Names of Commissioners for the Loan who attended meetings in the several divisions of co. Gloucester.

6. Metcalf Alington to Sir Robert Killigrew. Reports the result of his collection of the loan in the Tower Division, co. Middlesex.

7. Names of those who refused to pay the loan in cos. Essex and Cambridge.

8. List, certified by Wm. Jermyn, collector, of persons dwelling within the liberty of Havering-atte-Bower, co. Essex, who had not paid their loan money.

9. Names of collectors [for the loan] in the Counties of Worcester, Salop, Hereford, Radnor, Flint, Denbigh, Cardigan, Brecon, Merioneth, Carnarvon, Carmarthen, and Gloucester.

10. Certificate of the Commissioners of co. Kent for the Loan, that John Orwell, James Cripps, and John Childe, who had been sent for by Council warrant, were conformable, and had given assurance to pay their money.

11. Names of persons who refused to pay the loan in co. Leicester.

12. Similar list for the hundred of Goodlaxton, co. Leicester, with the amounts.

13. List of persons in London who refused to contribute to the Loan, with the sums assessed, and their excuses.

14. Wm. Humphrey, Collector of the Loan for St. Albans, to the Council. Had applied thrice to every person assessed, but not finding a penny to come from any of them he returned their names, amounts demanded, and answers; total sum demanded 168*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

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15. Statement of the circumstances under which the widow of Daniel Spalding, of Brodish, co. Norfolk, brought an action against Reginald Shuckforth, collector of the loan, for dragging her out of her house to compel her to pay the loan of 10*l.* assessed upon her late husband; for bringing which action her attorney was ordered to attend the Council.

16. Copy of the preceding.

17. Note that John, Edward, and Samuel Symons had subscribed and paid the loan in co. Essex.

18. John Wooddeson, one of his Majesty's servants in his chapel, to the Council. Desires that the 40*s.* to which he was assessed to the loan in New Windsor may be deducted out of his wages at Court.

19. General heads of a Commission for Trade; with list of Commissioners, including Sir Thos. Savage and seventeen others, and underwritten direction to the Attorney General to draw up the Commission.

20. Instructions explaining more particularly the design and objects of an intended Commission for Trade.

21. Precedents of beer-brewers indicted at Norwich for selling beer at prices above those set within that city.

22. Proposal for securing the manufacture of cloth to be all of a goodness, by the establishment of a hall where every man should bring his wares to be viewed and sealed.

23. Anonymous petition to the King:—The petitioner prays that he may be authorized to appoint persons to search and try whether cloth and stuffs are truly dyed.

24. Considerations on the balance of commerce and the mode of maintaining the same, with a proposal for equalising the values of gold and silver, by making contracts and payments by weight, and not by number.

25. Commissioners of Trade to ———. The King having appointed them, with four of the Council, to examine into a charge against the Farmers of the Customs of taking excessive duties on perpetuanoes and serges, and commanded Walter Morrell to attend them for their better information, they certify those who have benefited by his labours that it is reasonable they should reward his services.

26. The Farmers of his Majesty's Customs and Subsidies to all Mayors and other Officers. To give assistance to Humanitus Mayo, one of the Messengers of the Chamber and Deputy Searcher for London and all other ports. [*Unsigned.*]

27. Minute, by Sec. Coke, of a proposal for erection of a corporation for exercising the trade of eel-fishing, then altogether in the hands of the Hollanders, who sell yearly in England eels of the value of 20,000*l.*, and employ in the said trade 300 persons here and in the waters of Denmark.

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28. Anonymous petition to the Council:—The petitioner prays attention to a statement of the abuses sought to be reformed by the proposed incorporation of the Thames fishermen. *Annexed,*

28. I. *Statement of various abuses before mentioned.*

29. Proposition of ——— More for the better ordering of tradesmen, artificers, journeymen, and apprentices, by issuing a commission to sue forth pardons for such as will compound for the offence of not enrolling their indentures of apprenticeship, and erecting an office for enrolling the same for the future.

30. Special advertisement of the advantages which accrue to England from the trade with France, and the peculiar disadvantages to our trade likely to arise from a war with that country.

31. Note of goods, the production of France, prohibited to be brought into England.

32. Petition of the Muscovia Company trading in Greenland to the King:—In 1618 the petitioners, fishing in their harbours in Greenland, were surprised by the Hollanders and their whole voyage overthrown, to their loss of 50,000*l.*; the late King, in 1619, declared his pleasure that the Hollanders should within three months pay 22,000*l.*, the remainder being respited for three years; this sum not having been paid the petitioners solicit redress.

33. Deduction of the right of the King of England to Greenland; a brief narrative of the discovery of that country, and of the acts done by the late King to vindicate the English right thereto against the claim of the Dutch.

34. Prices of packets sent by express messengers, and also rates of postage of single letters for his Majesty's service, to and from the principal cities of Europe; certified by Matthew de Quester. The charge for the packets runs from 7*l.*, being the charge to the Hague, to 10*l.*, the charge to Brussels or Paris, and 60*l.*, the charge to Vienna. For a single packet or letter to any of the above-mentioned places the charge was 30*s.*, except to or from any part of Germany, for which it was 6*s.*

35. Statement, by Matthew de Quester, of the charge of postage of single letters from Venice, formerly 16*d.*, then 9*d.*, and packets 2*s.* 8*d.*, and from Leghorn and Florence, 3*s.* per ounce, and 1*s.* for a single letter.

36. Note, by the same, of the several grants to himself and his sons, constituting them Postmasters General for all parts beyond seas.

37. Names of woolowners and persons in Hertfordshire, Berkshire, and Cambridgeshire to be sent for "about contribution."

38. Proposal for preventing the exportation of wool and money, by establishing a register of all wool grown, and of what becomes thereof, and also of all payments of money.

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39. Petition of George Read to the Council:—Having been stayed from proceeding with a building in Baldwin's Gardens, on the supposition that it was upon a new foundation, he sends a certificate to the contrary, and prays that he may be allowed to finish his building. *Annexed,*

39. I. *Certificate of William Atkinson and sixteen others to the effect above stated.*

40. Names of the Lord Lieut., Deputy Lieuts., and various Knights of co. Berks; a list prepared after 18th August 1626, with a view to the issuing of some Commission.

41. Extracts from the episcopal and archidiaconal registers of Norwich of institutions and inductions into the churches of Castle Rising, Ridon or Roydon, North Wotton and South Wotton, in co. Norfolk.

42. Similar extracts from the registers of Archbishops Grindal, Whitgift, Bancroft, and Abbot.

43. Extract from a book bearing date A.D. 1368, remaining in the register of the Archdeacon of Norwich, respecting the value of the four livings above mentioned.

44. Minute of petition to the King, to move the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury that if none of the prebends are fit for St. Dionys Back Church, in Fenchurch Street, they will nominate John Jones, Bachelor of Divinity.

45. Petition of inhabitants of the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester, to the same:—Set forth great abuses practised in the Forest which have recently led to a sudden commotion of the meaner sort; pray for a commission to gentlemen of the county to examine the offenders; they petitioned to the same effect about Midsummer last, and this is the fourth time since.

46. —— Lamplugh to Sec. Conway, Lord Lieut. of Hants. Having a grant made by the late King for collection of 1*d.* per ton on every ship that passes Dungeness light, he begs Lord Conway to order the Captain of Cowes Castle to collect the same from ships belonging to the Isle of Wight, as was done by Capt. Keeling in the late Lord Southampton's time.

47. Certificate of names, descriptions, and residences of all foreign strangers residing within the county of Middlesex. In Grub Street occurs Lucius Frerra, an Italian preacher; in Whitecross Street, Daniel Alman, a painter; in St. John Street, Matthias Lee, a Dutchman, a poet; in the Duchy Liberty in the Strand, Monsieur Duche, a picture drawer; in the district of Drury Lane, Queen Street, and Prince's Street, Hubert Laseur, a picture drawer. The whole number is 291.

48. Extracts from the Pipe Rolls relating to the forest of Morff, co. Salop.

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49. Minute of the desire of Mr. Comptroller [Sir John Suckling] that the business of the patent lately obtained by the Dean of Norwich respecting his deanery may be referred to the Lord President, Lord Conway, and the Bishops of London and St. Davids, the grant having been privately obtained.

50. List of victuallers at Rye from whom bonds had been taken.

51. Petition of inhabitants of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to the King:—Since the beginning of King James's reign the inhabitants of their parish have trebled, and that number is much increased by the attendants upon the Court; the church has been enlarged but cannot contain one half of those who would come to it; there is a hall in Durham House now used as a passage which might be converted into a church, which the petitioners are ready to do, as well as to pay the minister; they pray that as the late King bestowed on them a burying-place, his Majesty would aid them in procuring a church in the way suggested.

52. Petition of Thos. Jarvis to the same:—Licence had been given to him to treat with the country concerning the inclosing of King's Sedgmoor, co. Somerset, prays that, when necessary, he may have access to the King or to Sec. Coke on the subject of his undertaking.

53. Proposal by Sir Richard Strode, for draining and inclosing Sedgmoor, co. Somerset, upon a plan applicable to other commons in England, and likely to produce 20,000*l* per annum.

54. Minute of petition of Sir Richard Fleetwood, that to put an end to all doubts as to the title to Wigan parsonage, the King would make another grant thereof in the name of a person to whom Sir Richard had sold the same.

55. Petition of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Great Yarmouth to the Council:—Have proceeded with the fortification of their town, but are forced to a stand for want of the money which was to have been brought in by the County of Norfolk and City of Norwich, whose assessment is behind 200*l*.; being already out of purse 200*l*. more, the petitioners pray the Council to give order for payment of the amount due from the County and from Norwich.

56. Petition of George Annis, to the same, for order for payment of his wages for watching the beacon at Yaxley, co. Suffolk.

57. Copy of a statute imposing fines on absent members, proposed to be enacted for Wadham College, Oxford, by Bishop Laud, Visitor, and Wm. Smyth, Warden of the same College; with an underwritten opinion of Arthur Duck and Edmund Pope, that the same statute was in accordance with the power of the Bishop and Warden.

58. [Sec. Conway] to the Council. Describes a mode in which the Isle of Wight may be divided into three separate defensible portions. Solicits that some men, if it be but 200, may be distributed into the several castles, and that Sandham Castle may be repaired. In the

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time of Henry VIII. the castles in that island had competent garrisons; now they are reduced to 4 persons in each, a Captain at 8*d.* a day, and 3 gunners at 6*d.* a day.

59. Minute of motion to be made in the Council by Sec. Conway, that the loan money from the Isle of Wight, which will amount to about 800*l.*, may be applied to the repair of Sandham Castle, and the other fortifications in that island.

60. Christopher Earl of Anglesey to his nephew Endymion Porter. This morning the Earl left with his brother L'isle a letter which he entreats Porter, out of the love he owes to the Earl's brother William, to procure the King to allow of, being for the good of L'isle's wife, the ward, and the rest of their children. It is founded on the advice of Sir Harry Holdcraft.

61. Wm. Belou to Sec. Conway. He has been worse used than a natural fool, witness Tom Duri; than a counterfeit, witness Archie Armstrong, who has shown Belou that the King has given such special direction for his payment that he is better off than he was in the late King's time, whilst the writer cannot receive a penny. He has been worse used than a Turk or a dog, for, having moved a humble petition to the King at Hampton Court, his Majesty went away silently without speaking one word. The writer is sure his Majesty will speak to his dogs. Sends copies of two petitions already delivered, and entreats that he may have a pass to go abroad. *Incloses,*

61. I. *Petition of the same to the King:—Relating his long course of service under Queen Anne of Denmark, and her brother the Duke of Holstein; desires that he may be taken into the service of King Charles, or that an order of the late King may stand in full force, and that he may have* 1,000*l. paid to him on account.*

61. II. *Another petition from the same to the same:—Praying that his Majesty will take back his pension, giving the petitioner what he thinks fit, or will license him to dispose of it.*

62. Petition of Benjamin Blaxton to the Council:—Complains of the malicious conduct of Robert Harwell, through whom the petitioner had been imprisoned ten several times, and was then confined in the Fleet; prays that his cause may be heard at the Board.

63. Petition of Thos. Blount, prisoner in the New Prison, to Sec. Conway:—Being affected with divers diseases, prays liberty to walk abroad sometimes in the open air. *Annexed,*

63. I. *Certificate of "Gulielmus Harriseus" and other doctors, in support of the above petition.*

64. Minute of a petition that the question of the validity of a grant of the exclusive printing of briefs and other papers printed on one side of the paper, made by the late King to the Sieur de Boislorée, but contested by the Stationers' Company, might be left to determination by law.

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65. Minute of request of the Sieur de Boisloreé for a passport, and free conveyance for himself and family into France.

66. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Thanks for a letter; the bearer will make an answer to it.

67. Request to Lord ——— by a poor kinsman, to move the Duke of Buckingham not to oppose the proceedings of the writer in the Court of Wards, concerning the estate of an idiot.

68. Memorandum of Mary Countess of Buckingham, that by direction of her son the Duke of Buckingham, she commanded George Fielding to give her niece Compton 50*l.* which he not having at Huntingdon, borrowed of Sir Thos. Compton.

69. Memorandum that one year and a half is due on Mrs. Cary's pension of 500*l.* per ann., and that it is the King's pleasure that the same should be presently paid.

70. Petition of Michael Crake, the King's Footman, to the King:—Thos. Coulton, of Grimsby, co. Lincoln, entered into bond for 30*l.* on 8th Sept., 9th James I., conditioned to answer for 1,000 deal boards forfeited for nonpayment of customs, the bond being forfeited, petitioner prays the King to bestow the forfeiture upon him.

71. Petition of William Crosse to Buckingham and the Council of War:—Was preacher to Sir Edward Horwood's regiment in the expedition to Cadiz; on the next payment to the officers of that regiment, hopes he may receive some fitting means to relieve the wants of his present necessity.

72. Petition of Jeffery Cuckowe to the Council:—Having lived heretofore in Germany, he lately returned to England on a report of the death of some of his kindred; prays for a pass back to Germany to his wife and children.

73. Lettice Countess of Leicester, widow of Robert Dudley Earl of Leicester, to her "honourable dear son" Henry Earl of Holland. Recommends her special good friend Mr. Chamberlayne, who desired to become known to the Earl, and was in such place as that he might sometimes do the Earl a service. Subscribes herself the Earl's "grandmother," dearly loving him.

74. "Godly Verses" by James Orrell. Five short poems of which the following are the first lines, "Sweet Saviour of the world, and Judge of all:" "When I consider what I am by nature:" "The years of man are ten seven times o'ertold:" "A sinner's habit is a mournful sprite:" "What is the only end of man's creation?" With an epilogue from which it appears that the writer, who describes himself as being in poverty, addressed these compositions to a lady whom he styles "Madame" and "Your Grace."

75. Case respecting the debt due from the Crown and the City of London to the representatives of Sir Horatio Pallavicino; and also respecting an arrangement, stated to have been founded on deceitful

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pretences, whereby lands of the value of 500*l.* per annum were granted to Sir Oliver Cromwell, who married Dame Anne, widow and executrix of Sir Horatio; with opinion of some legal person thereon. [*Copy. See Vol.* xxxviii. *No.* 21.]

76. Note of Capt. Preston's expenses for two post horses from Exeter to Dover, and thence back to Plymouth: 10*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*

77. Petition of Thos. Reeve, clerk, to the Council:—For marrying Lord Maltravers to Lady Elizabeth Stewart, petitioner was, by the King's express command, committed close prisoner, but has since, out of his Majesty's clemency, been ordered to be set at liberty; he is, notwithstanding, constrained to remain prisoner for his charges, which he is unable to pay; prays that he may be freed from such payment. [*Underwritten are the following words in the King's handwriting:* "*Thire llo*^{rs} *will giue noe order upon this Peticon.*]

78. Petition of John Reynolds, prisoner in the Fleet, to the same:—Was forced from France by order of the late King, and on his arrival in England was committed to prison for being the author of a book termed "Votiva Angliæ," in which he deplored the loss of the Palatinate, and desired its restitution, which "every true-hearted Englishman ought to wish and pray for;" has been imprisoned full two years, during which time he has incurred a debt of 300*l.* for his maintenance; also owes sixty and odd pounds for which he is surety, and is threatened to be arrested for the same as soon as he is at liberty; prays for protection against arrest for one year.

79. ——— to [Sec. Conway]. The writer's son Worsley having missed seeing his Lordship, the writer informs him that Sir John Savile is a man liable to be violently transported with passion. Examples are cited of his abusing his fellow Justices on the bench, offering blows, and, on one occasion, causing a man to be shot when taking a possession. His Lordship is requested to let the Lord Keeper understand these things.

80. John Sictor, a Bohemian exile, to Dr. Thos. Ryves. Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Court of Arches, having money frequently committed to him for pious uses, had on a former occasion bestowed 30*s.* on the writer on the recommendation of Dr. Westfield; prays Dr. Ryves's intercession to procure him a further gift. He brought letters from the Queen of Bohemia to the Corporation of London, but on account of the badness of the times, and the heavy payments arising out of the war, he has not been able to obtain any relief.

81. William Sheldon to Sec. Conway. In behalf of his younger brother, Baldwin Sheldon, of Grafton. Case Shurley, one of the late King's footmen, "begged" Robert Throgmorton and Baldwin Sheldon, and had grants of their lands, paying to the King 120*l.* 10*s.* per ann. for a certain term; that rent has been paid, but nevertheless Edwd. Smythe has sued Baldwin Sheldon for the penalty of 20*l.* a month for 6 months. Sir Thos. Coventry, the late

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Attorney General, caused him to surcease that suit; but now William Avery has begun a like suit, against which the petitioner prays relief.

82. Informations filed by Attorney General Heath against Sir Simon Steward for misconduct in his offices of Compounder or Assessor of the composition anciently paid by the Isle of Ely to the Officers of the Green Cloth, and also of Dep. Lieut. [*Copy.*]

83. Petition of John Tendring to Sec. Conway:—Prays for some reward for services done to his Prince and country in the discovery of priests under his Lordship's warrant. [*See Vols.* xxii., *No.* 112, *and* xxvi., *No.* 89.]

84. Petition of the priests and laity of Scotland to Pope Urban VIII.:—They again represent to his Holiness that they find the hearts of the people of that kingdom well affected towards the Catholic faith; beseech him to grant them a Bishop, namely, Mr. John Trumbull [Tromble] to be their Primate and Bishop of St. Andrews.

85. Faculties granted by Pope Urban VIII. to the priests of the kingdom of Scotland, for the propagation of the faith in that country and the neighbouring dominions of the King of Great Britain. Lat.

86. Translation of the same into English.

87. List by Lord Keeper Coventry of "the last Committee for Foreign Services;" with suggestions for the appoinment of a fresh committee to treat with the States.

88. The King to ———. By agreement with the United Provinces, the 6,000 men sent for their assistance were to be maintained complete. Several officers having been recalled to be employed in the Cadiz expedition, their entertainment during their absence had been retained from them; the King's pleasure is, that out of money in the hands of Philip Burlamachi, or of Julian Calandrini, the commissary of the said troops, the person addressed is to cause these officers to be satisfied. [*Draft.*]

89. John Harrison to the King. Defends his late mission to Barbary against objections urged by Sir Henry Marten. Prays that his expenses on that occasion may be paid. Accuses Barrett of intending to sell into slavery the Turks he proposes to exchange. [*See Vol.* xxxvi., *No.* 76.] Entreats the King to give the Ambassadors from Morocco a fair and honourable despatch.

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1626.

"Book of Orders and Entries about the Survey of his Majesty's Navy, Anno Domini 1626." [*This volume contains minutes of proceedings of the Special Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the Navy from December* 12, 1626, *to May* 17, 1627.]

TRINITY HOUSE CERTIFICATES,

For the Year 1626,

In continuation of those for the Year 1625, *calendared at Page* 212:—

Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
1626.				
Jan. 4	Garland, of London	New Shoreham	150	Vol. XVI. No. 6.
„ 7	James, of Pittenweem	Leith	150	„ No. 7.
„ 11	Unnamed	Ipswich	300	„ No. 8.
„ 14	James, of London	Yarmouth	200	„ No. 9.
„ „	Ambrose, of Ipswich	Ipswich	250	„ No. 10.
„ 18	Elizabeth, of Ipswich	The same	160	„ No. 11.
„ 21	Margaret, of Ipswich	The same	250	„ No. 12.
„ „	William and Thomas, of Ipswich.	The same	140	„ No. 13.
„ 25	Phœnix, of London	Not stated	180	„ No. 14.
„ „	Mary Venture, of Yarmouth.	Great Yarmouth	90	„ No. 15.
„ „	Mary Margaret, of Lowestoft.	The same	90	„ No. 16.
„ 28	Anne, of London	Aldborough	180	„ No. 17.
Feb. 1	Grissell, of Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth	120	„ No. 18.
„ 8	Samaritan, of Ipswich	Not stated	200	„ No. 19.
„ 11	Thomas and George, of London.	The same	180	„ No. 20.
„ „	Elizabeth, of Aldborough.	Aldborough	250	„ No. 21.
„ 22	Diligence, of Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth	120	„ No. 22.
„ „	John, of London	Wapping	180	„ No. 23.
„ 25	Truelove, of London	Not stated	200	„ No. 24.
„ „	Mayflower, of London	Aldborough	200	„ No. 25.
March 1	Sarah, of Newcastle	Not stated	180	„ No. 26.
„ 4	Rainbow, of Yarmouth	Yarmouth	200	„ No. 27.
„ „	Patience, of Newcastle	Not stated	220	„ No. 28.
„ „	Alexander of Newcastle	The same	240	„ No. 29.
„ „	The Hopewell	Kingston-upon-Hull	200	„ No. 30.
	The Increase		100	
	The Furtherance		140	
	The Consent		120	
	The New ship		180	
	The Grace		120	
	The Unity		100	
	The Hector		100	
	The Supply		140	
	The Defence		160	
	The Mary Bonaventure.		120	
	The Hare		100	

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Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
1626.				
March 4	The Advice - -		100	
	The George - -		80	
	The Diamond -		100	
	The Elizabeth -		100	
	The Anne Rose -		100	
	The Trial - -		80	
	The Anne Katherine		100	
	The Ascension -		120	
	The Anne Francis -		100	
	The Bonaventure -		100	
„ 8	Joan, of London -	Not stated - -	250	Vol. XVI. No. 31.
„ „	Increase, of Newcastle	The same - -	140	„ No. 32.
„ 11	Richard, of Newcastle	Ipswich - -	200	„ No. 33.
„ „	Mary, of Newcastle -	Selby - -	160	„ No. 34.
„ 15	Welcome, of Newcastle	Not stated - -	100	„ No. 35.
„ 18	George, of London -	Woodbridge -	240	„ No. 36.
„ 31	Elizabeth and Mary, of London.	Horslydown, co. Surrey.	180	„ No. 37.
April 1	William, of Ipswich -	Not stated - -	200	„ No. 38
„ 26	Neptune, of Newcastle	Great Yarmouth -	120	„ No. 39.
„ „	Pleasure, of Sandwich	Ipswich - -	140	„ No. 40.
„ „	James, of Dysart -	Not stated - -	80	„ No. 41.
May 6	Leopard, of Weymouth	Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.	240	„ No. 42.
„ 10	Merchant Royal - -	Dartmouth - -	120	„ No. 43.
„ 17	Jacob, of Ipswich -	Not stated - -	260	„ No. 44.
„ 20	Seaflower, of Aldborough.	The same - -	200	„ No. 45.
„ 24	Edward and Thomas, of Lynn	The same - -	140	„ No. 46.
May 24	Desire, of Lynn - -	The same - -	160	„ No. 47.
„ „	Ann Speedwell, of Ipswich.	The same - -	240	„ No. 48.
„ 27	Lion, of Ipswich - -	Ipswich - - -	220	„ No. 49.
„ „	Mary, of Ipswich -	Not stated - -	260	„ No. 50.
„ „	William and Mary, of Ipswich.	The same - -	160	„ No. 51.
June 7	Priscilla, of Ipswich -	The same - -	200	„ No. 52.
„ „	Palacra, of Weymouth	The same - -	60	„ No. 53.
„ „	Bark Warwick, of London.	Ratcliffe, for the Earl of Warwick.	50	„ No. 54.
„ 10	Unity, of Ipswich -	Ipswich - -	240	„ No. 55.
„ „	Resolution, of London	The same - -	250	„ No. 56.
„ „	Violet, of Newcastle -	The same - -	200	„ No. 57.
„ 21	Good Time, of Kirkcaldy.	Great Yarmouth -	100	„ No. 58.
„ „	Request, of Ipswich -	Ipswich - -	200	„ No. 59.
„ 24	Marigold, of Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth -	130	„ No. 60.
July 1	Mary Anne, of Woodbridge.	Woodbridge -	300	„ No. 61.
„ „	Patience, of Bristol -	Not stated - -	180	„ No. 62.
„ „	Alexander, of Anstruther.	Yarmouth - -	160	„ No. 63.
„ „	Robert and John, of Newcastle.	Not stated - -	120	„ No. 64.
„ 8	Priscilla, of Newcastle	The same - -	140	„ No. 65.
„ „	Truelove, of Lynn -	The same - -	100	„ No. 66.
„ „	Ann Samuel, of Ipswich.	The same - -	180	„ No. 67.
„ 12	Prosperous, of Newcastle.	The same - -	140	„ No. 68.

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Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
1626.				
July 15	John and James, of London, formerly the Abraham.	Not stated - -	210	Vol. XVI. No. 69.
„ 19	Increase, of London -	The same - -	200	„ No. 70.
„ „	William and John, of Colchester.	The same - -	180	„ No. 71.
„ „	Endeavour, of Ipswich	The same - -	200	„ No. 72.
„ „	Mary and Joan, of Harwich.	The same - -	250	„ No. 73.
„ 22	Globe, of Lynn - -	Great Yarmouth -	100	„ No. 74.
July 26	Josias, of London -	Not stated - -	220	„ No. 75.
„ „	Answer, of Lynn -	The same - -	120	„ No. 76.
„ „	Margaret and John, of Topsham.	Flemish built -	150	„ No. 77.
„ 29	Refuge, of Ipswich -	Not stated - -	200	„ No. 78.
„ „	Charles, of London -	The same - -	100	„ No. 79.
„ „	Rose, of Hull - -	Ipswich - -	220	„ No. 80.
„ „	Good Jesus, of Exeter	Spanish prize -	200	„ No. 81.
Aug. 2	Content, of Newcastle	Not stated - -	80	„ No. 82.
„ 12	William, of Leith -	Great Yarmouth -	160	„ No. 83.
„ 16	Expectation, of London	Not stated - -	140	„ No. 84.
„ „	William, of Ipswich -	The same - -	300	„ No. 85.
„ 26	Matthew, of London -	The same - -	140	„ No. 86.
„ „	Antelope, of London -	The same - -	45	„ No. 87.
„ 30	Margaret, of Queensferry.	Whitby - - -	110	„ No. 88.
„ „	Resolution, of Exeter	Exeter - -	140	„ No. 89.
„ „	The Alethea, The Darling, The Marigold, of Hull	Not stated - -	240, 135, 112	„ No. 90.
Sept. 6	Blessing, of Leith -	The same - -	70	„ No. 91.
„ 23	Plain Joan, of London	The same - -	160	„ No. 92.
„ 30	Amity, of Ipswich -	The same - -	250	„ No. 93.
„ „	Pearl, of Newcastle -	The same - -	140	„ No. 94.
„ „	Deliverance, of Bristol	Bristol - -	60	„ No. 95.
„ „	Mary Anne, of Ipswich	Not stated - -	200	„ No. 96.
„ „	Anne, of Yarmouth -	The same - -	80	„ No. 97.
Oct. 14	Patient Adventure, of Ipswich.	The same - -	250	„ No. 98.
„ „	Mary Ann, of Aldborough.	The same - -	250	„ No. 99.
„ 28	Samuel, of Newcastle	The same - -	250	„ No. 100.
Nov. 4	Posthorse, of Newcastle	The same - -	150	„ No. 101.
Dec. 16	Diamond, of Aldborough.	Aldborough - -	120	„ No. 102.
„ „	Desire, of Poole -	Poole - - -	80	„ No. 103.
„ „	Pearl, of Aldborough -	Aldborough - -	300	„ No. 104.
„ 23	Primrose, of London -	Not stated - -	180	„ No. 105.

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CALENDAR OF DOCQUETS OF DOCUMENTS

Prepared for the Signature of KING CHARLES I. *during the Years* 1625 *and* 1626.

[These Docquets form part of "The Conway Papers," presented to the State Paper Office by the Right Hon. John Wilson Croker, after the previous part of this Volume had passed through the press.]

1625.

March 30. Grant to Charles Maynard of the office of one of the two Auditors of the Court of Wards and Liveries. [*See p.* 4; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 16.]

April 2. Warrant to pay to the King's Almoner 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be expended in alms this Easter.

April 2. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley, to give order for continuing to collect all customs on merchandises, imported and exported, as the same were collected in the time of the late King, until his Majesty should give further order; and that the Farmers of the Great Customs should continue their farm according to their lease till the 25th December next.

April 2. Commission to the Duke of Buckingham, as Lord Admiral, to grant commissions of marque or reprisal against the subjects of the King of Spain, or of the States General, in the Low Countries.

April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer, to pursue the course intended by the late King for draining King's Sedgmoor, co. Somerset.

April 25. The like, for estalling debts due to the Crown, with power to accept lands in satisfaction thereof, at sixteen years' purchase.

April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer, King's Bench, Common Pleas, and to Attorney General Coventry, for compounding informations concerning the customs.

April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer, for compounding forfeitures of bonds and recognizances when the principal debt is paid, and in other like cases of equity.

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April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer and Attorney General Coventry, for discharging port bonds where, through casualty at sea, the conditions have been broken.

April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer, concerning exporting custom free goods which have paid customs inwards, and for other customs regulations, according to a warrant granted in the 2nd of King James.

April 25. Declaration of his Majesty's pleasure to grant to Patrick Maule and his heirs, in fee farm, the manor and house of Collyweston, co. Northampton, notwithstanding the same are contained in the indenture of annexation.

April 25. Grant to Patrick Maule and his heirs, in conformity with the above declaration.

April 25. Warrant to the Exchequer, concerning compositions for penalties of bonds and recognizances forfeited; also for qualifying fines, and other cases of equity.

April 25. Confirmation of pardon to Edward Lord Harrowden of offences and forfeitures by reason of his recusancy.

April 25. Grant to Sir Lewis Tresham and Sir Thos. Brudenell of the forfeitures for recusancy of Edward Lord Harrowden, to the intent that he might sell part of his lands to pay debts.

April 25. Letter to the Company of Turkey Merchants, commending to them Sir Thos. Phillips, to be Ambassador with the Grand Signor in the room of Sir Thomas Roe.

April 25. Warrant to continue during pleasure an allowance of 627*l.* 6*s.* 10½*d.* yearly, made by the late King to Edw. Earl of Worcester, Lord Privy Seal, in lieu of his diet.

April 27. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to give order to Philip Burlamachi to pay 4,000*l.* to the Earls of Carlisle and Holland, his Majesty's Ambassadors in France, out of a sum of 120,000*l.* to be received from the French King in part of a greater sum.

April 27. Licence to Lionel Earl of Middlesex, to repair to London and Westminster for eight days, for despatch of his occasions.

April 29. Letter to the Lord Treasurer to give order to Philip Burlamachi to pay, out of the 120,000*l.* which he is to receive from the French King, the 4,000*l.* mentioned above, under the date of April 27.

April 30. Warrant dormant to the Receiver General of the Duchy of Lancaster, to pay yearly 1,500*l.* to the Treasurer of the Chamber towards the payments of that office.

April 30. Like warrant to the Receiver of the Court of Wards and Liveries, to pay yearly 1,000*l.* to the Treasurer of the Chamber.

April 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Walter Aston, late Ambassador in Spain, as well 6*l.* per diem for his diet, as also other allowances for transportation, intelligence, and private service, and also 150*l.* for blacks for the funeral of the late King.

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April 30. Renewed warrant to pay to Rowland Whyte 1,000 marks out of monies reserved for bounty.

April 30. Renewed grant to Sir Hugh Middleton of the Mines Royal in co. Cardigan.

May 6. Minute of letters to the Lord Lieutenants, for levying men in their several counties, the total making up the number of 10,000.

May 6. Commission to Edward Lord Conway, appointing him Lieutenant of co. Hants, which place was lately supplied by the late Earl of Southampton.

May 7. Renewed commission to Henry Viscount Mandeville, Lord President of the Council, and divers others, to inquire into the causes of the decay of trade.

May 7. Warrant for payment of 150*l.*, to be employed towards expediting Corporations for the New Draperies in certain counties.

May 7. Warrant for payment of 18,830*l.* 10*s.* to Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyors for Marine Victuals, and Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, for setting forth the Vanguard, and for a surcharge of 5,550 men.

May 7. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley, Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for granting lands to the value of 500*l.* per ann. to Robert Lord Cary and his heirs, in fee farm.

May 7. Warrant to pay to George Duke of Buckingham 500*l.* in full of 20,000*l.* appointed to be paid to him by Privy Seal dated Jan. 20, 1625.

May 7. The like to Giles Rawlins, appointed Agent with the Duke of Savoy, 40*s.* per diem for his entertainment from the 1st Feb. last, with further usual allowances, and 100*l.* for blacks.

May 7. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for continuing an imposition of 20*s.* on every ton of wine imported into London, and 13*s.* 4*d.* on that imported into the outports.

May 7. Warrant to pay to William Turner and others 1,511*l.*, in part payment of the sum due to them for relinquishing the alum works.

May 7. Grant of a pension of 3*s.* per diem to Elizabeth Man, widow of John Man, who lost his life in the King's ship the Speedwell, for life.

May 10. Warrant to pay 150*l.* to Sir William St. Leger, appointed to repair into the Low Countries on special service.

May 10. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to the Officers-at-Arms, as well such Coats of his Majesty's Arms as have been accustomed, as also stuff for their liveries, being to attend his Majesty to Dover.

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May 10. Warrant to the Exchequer, to pay to the Officers-at-Arms their diet and conduct money to Dover and back again.

May 10. The like to James Heriot, his Majesty's Jeweller, 570*l.* for jewels delivered to the King.

May 10. The like, to continue to pay to William Risbrooke, 82*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly, for keeping and feeding pheasants, partridges, and other fowls at Richmond.

May 10. Grant to George Duke of Buckingham, for 21 years, of the Mines Royal in Muggleswick, co. Durham, reserving a tenth part of the silver to the Crown. [*A similar grant passed the Signet and Privy Seal during the life of his late Majesty.*]

May 10. Warrant to the Exchequer, to cancel bonds for payment of first fruits of spiritual livings which the incumbent may be put from or cannot enjoy.

May 10. The like, for repayment from time to time of all money borrowed by the late King, or his present Majesty, with such allowance for interest and charges as may be thought fit.

May 11. Release to Edward Yelverton, son and heir of Edward Yelverton, deceased, of a rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* reserved on a lease of two thirds of the lands of his late father, seized into the hands of Queen Elizabeth for his recusancy, in lieu whereof the said Edward Yelverton, the father, granted to the late King an annuity of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* out of certain lands in Norfolk.

May 18. Grant to Edward Lord Conway, of the office of one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, during pleasure, with the fee of 100*l.* per annum, during life.

May 18. Protection to Sir Nicholas Salter and his sureties for six months.

May 18. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Edward Ramsey and Robert Ramsey, and their heirs, in fee farm, at the nomination of the Earl of Holderness, lands of the yearly value of 326*l.* 2*s.* 3¾*d.* and ⅛, notwithstanding they are contained in the indenture of annexation made by the late King.

May 18. Grant to Richard Kynnesman, of the office of one of the Auditors of the Exchequer, for life, in reversion after Francis Neale, Wm. Hill, Thomas Hutton, Richd. Budd, Francis Phelips, Justinian Povey, and Sir Edmund Sawyer, Auditors in possession, and Wm. Gwyn, Thos. Brinley, and Thos. Wynn, in reversion.

May 19. Letter to Sir Edward Littleton, Sir William Bowyer, Sir Thomas Scrimpshere, and Ralph Sneyd to join with Sir Simon Weston, for the levy of 100 men in co. Stafford.

May 19. Letter to Robert Lord Cary and other Commissioners, to give security to William Paske for 10,000*l.*, as the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer shall direct.

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May 20. Grant to Edwd. Lord Conway, of a pension of 2,000*l.* per ann., for 21 years, payable out of the Court of Wards, and in default thereof out of the Exchequer.

May 20. Lease to Wm. Viscount Wallingford and Thos. Viscount Andover, of the Post Fines, parcel of the Green Wax, answerable in the Exchequer, for 48 years, at the rent of 2,272*l.* 8*s.* per annum.

May 20. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley, Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for granting to Sir Francis Cottington and his heirs, in fee farm, lands to the value of 400*l.* per annum.

May 20. Warrant to pay to John West 30*l.* yearly, for provision of hay for deer in West Baylie Walk, in Enfield Chase.

May 20. Commission to John Lewgar, his Majesty's Coffer Maker, to take up, at his Majesty's prices, materials and workmen for his office.

May 20. Warrant to pay 78*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas Hawkins and other workmen employed in repairing the Great Park at Hampton Court.

May 20. Warrant for an allowance to Sec. Morton of 4*l.* per diem for his entertainment as Ambassador Extraordinary to the States of the United Provinces, from the 11th inst.

May 20. Warrant for confirming the payment of 3,000*l.* for satisfying the debts of the Prince Elector Palatine; and of 1,800*l.* to the Duke of Courland, for arrears of his pension of 400*l.* per annum.

May 20. Grant to Thomas Barrett, of the clerkship of the Wardrobe and Robes, with the fee of 14*l.* per ann., during life.

May 20. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of certain allowances to the said Thomas Barrett.

May 21. Dispensation for Archbishop Matthew, of York, to be absent from the Parliament.

May 21. The like for George Earl of Shrewsbury.

May 21. Warrant to pay to Philip Jacobson, his Majesty's Jeweller, 2,000*l.* for a jewel of five diamonds sold by him to the King.

May 21. The like to John Mounsey, 1,500*l.* for a jewel sold by him to the King.

May 21. The like to James Heriot, his Majesty's Jeweller, 1,930*l* for jewels sold by him to the King.

May 21. Warrant to pay to Robert Treswell, Surveyor of the King's Woods, 71*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* for reparations to be done in Enfield Park.

May 21. Grant to Geoffrey Duppa and Lucretia his wife, of an annuity of 100*l.*, and 100*l.* for supply of present necessities.

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May 23. Grant to Sir Edward Villiers and his heirs, in fee farm, at the rent of 20*l.* per annum, of certain woody grounds called Maylescott, in the forest of Dean, with the coals and other mines thereof, and liberty to convert the timber into coal for the making of iron, notwithstanding the statutes made to forbid the same.

May 23. Warrant to pay to Sir Edward Villiers, 3,000*l.* out of the profits of the Mint, in lieu of a grant of certain wood grounds in the forest of Dean, for which he was suitor in King James's time.

May 23. Warrant to pay to Benjamin Henshawe, 20,715*l.* 2*s.* 7½*d.*, remainder of 30,076*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.*, for wares delivered for his late Majesty and the late Queen.

May 23. Presentation of Geo. Procter, M.A., to the rectory of Barwick-in-Elmet, in the diocese of York, void by resignation.

May 23. Grant to Captain Oliver Randall and William Smith of two thirds of 65*l.*, recovered in the Court of King's Bench by their means.

May 25. Grant of a pension of 500*l.* per annum, for life, to Thos. Cary, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber.

May 25. The like for Endymion Porter.

May 25. The like for William Murray.

May 25 The like for James Levingston.

May 25. The like for Geo. Kirke.

May 25. The like for Andrew Pitcairn.

May 25. Grant to Walter Walker, of a gunner's room in the Tower of London, with the fee of 6*d.* per diem, during life, from the decease of Anthony Bartlett.

May 25. The like to Thos. Taylor.

May 25. Grant to Abraham Vanderdort, of the office of Overseer of his Majesty's pictures, during life, with the fee of 40*l.* per annum.

May 25. Warrant to pay to the Master or Clerk of the Armoury 35*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* monthly, with other sums of money, for the charges of his Majesty's armoury at Greenwich.

May 25. The like, to pay 400*l.* yearly to the Master of the Armoury for the charges of the several armouries in the Tower of London, Hampton Court, Windsor Castle, &c.

May 25. The like to the Lord Treasurer to give order to the Attorney-General for granting to Sir Thomas Dishington a third part of the arrearages of a subsidy granted by the clergy in 18 James I., which was collected by the late Bishop of Exeter, where this arrearage is unsatisfied.

May 25. Warrant to restrain the serving of any fee-deer out of the parks within the honour of Ampthill.

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May 25. Warrant to Thos. Lord Bruce, for preservation of the game within the same honour of Ampthill.

May 25. Warrant to pay to each of the 14 ordinary Grooms of the Chamber 2*s.* per diem, for making ready his Majesty's standing houses or progress houses, for which this allowance was granted by the late King to the Grooms of his Chamber.

May 27. Warrant to pay to Robert Tothill and Henry Norman 9,312*l.*, for the charge of 10,000 land soldiers at Plymouth for 6 weeks.

May 27. The like to Ralph Butter, 2,595*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, for the entertainment of 2,000 soldiers at Kingston-upon-Hull, for one month, and their transportation thence to the Maes in Holland.

May 27. The like to Philip Burlamachi, 2,000*l.*, for transporting soldiers from the Low Countries to Plymouth, and 2,200*l.* for providing 100 corslets and 1,000 muskets.

May 27. The like to Sir Robert Anstruther, at Hamburgh, 4,600*l.*, for levying 6,000 foot and 1,000 horse.

May 27. Grant of the Mastership of Trinity College, Cambridge, void by decease of Dr. Richardson, to Leonard Maw, D.D., one of his Majesty's Chaplains.

May 27. Renewed warrant to the Receiver of co. Lancaster, to pay an annuity of 200*l.* for the entertainment of four preachers within that county, to be nominated by the Bishop of Chester.

May 27. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Henry Knollys and his heirs, in fee farm, the manor of Bowcombe, in the Isle of Wight, and lands in Leiston, co. Suffolk, as parcel of the Earl of Anglesea's, 400*l.* per annum, intended to be granted by the late King, the said lands being contained in the indenture of annexation of the 7th James.

May 27. His Majesty's allowance of the payment of 1,200*l.*, in the late King's time, by Wm. Viscount Mansfield, for lands, part of the Earl of Anglesea's 400*l.* per annum, and which sum was afterwards paid out of the Exchequer to the said Earl; with warrant for similar payments to be made to the Earl of 960*l.* to be paid in by Paul Peart, and 2,800*l.* by Henry Knollys.

May 27. Warrant for preparing a grant to Christopher Earl of Anglesea, of fines of 2,000*l.* imposed on Sir Henry Fiennes and 200*l.* [*see p.* 163] on Nicholas Roper, in the Star Chamber.

May 28. Warrant to the Wardrobe, for supply of liveries yearly to the Sergeant Trumpeter, and sixteen other trumpeters.

May 28. Warrant to William Rawson and John Hake, to take up horses, "harnesses," and other necessaries for drawing the waggon with his Majesty's hounds.

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June 11. Letter of warrant to the Lord Treasurer, to give order for 6,000*l.*, part of 46,000*l.*, out of the Queen's portion money, to be paid to Sir William Courteen and Philip Burlamachi for payment of the troops which are to join the King of Denmark's forces.

June 11. The like to John Earl of Bristol, to be absent from Parliament.

June 11. The like to the Lord Keeper, to pass a new commission for martial law in co. Devon, by adding thereunto the co. Cornwall.

June 11. Warrant to pay to Michael Oldisworth 300*l.* without accompt.

June 11. The like to Mr. Secretary Morton, 6*l.* per diem, from the 3rd of June instant, for his diet and entertainment as Ambassador to the Low Countries, with allowance for his transportation, and 46*l.* for 23 days previous to the 3rd of June.

June 11. The like to Sir Francis Nethersole, his Majesty's Agent with the Princes of the Union in Germany, 165*l.* per annum for part of his entertainment, and 100*l.* for blacks for the late King.

June 11. Letter to the Lord Treasurer, Lord Chamberlain, Viscount Grandison, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to take order for repairing Sandown Castle and other castles in the Isle of Wight.

June 12. Renewed grant to John Young, Dean of Winchester, of 160*l.* 11*s.* 7¾*d.* yearly, during pleasure, being due to his Majesty for tenths and composition for first fruits, in consideration of his service upon his Majesty's person.

June 12. Warrant to pay to the Surveyors of Marine Victuals 11,800*l.* for provision of victuals for the navy, and 8,500*l.* for supply of ordnance and munition, out of the Queen's portion money.

June 14. Dispensation to William Marquis of Winchester, to be absent from Parliament.

June 14. Similar dispensation to Bishop Godwin of Hereford.

June 19. Letter to Thomas Earl of Arundel, Lord Marshal of England, directing that the Lady Anne, eldest daughter to the Earl of Montgomery, should keep the rank she held before her marriage to the Lord Dormer.

June 19. The like to the said Lady Anne, to take her place of precedence as before mentioned.

June 19. Warrant to pay the Keeper of the Gatehouse in Westminster, and the keepers of other prisons in London, for the diets and other charges of prisoners committed by the Council.

June 19. Warrant to William Earl of Northampton, Master of the Game in the forest of Whittlewood, and to Cuthbert Ogle, Lieutenant there, to take special care for preserving the game in those parts.

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June 22. Warrant to pay to the Paymaster of the Works, 1,400*l.*, residue of 1,800*l.* which the late King intended to bestow on the Duke of Buckingham, for 2,000 tons of stone from Portland for the building of York House.

June 22. Grant to George Wilmer and George Bury, of the collectorship of the Petty Customs in the port of London, and of the imposition of 3*d.* in the pound on Strangers' goods in all the ports of England, with the fees of 62*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 150*l.* per annum.

June 22. Grant to Sir Edward Powell, of the office of one of the Masters of Requests, with an annuity of 100*l.*, for life.

June 22. Grant to Lewis Evans, of an alms-room, in Gloucester, for life.

June 22. Grant to Wm. Roskarock, of the offices of Havenor of the Duchy of Cornwall, with the yearly fee of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and Escheator within the said Duchy, with the similar fee of 9*l.* 2*s.*, 6*d.*, for life, as the same were formerly granted to him for pleasure.

June 24. Renewed grant to Emanuel Lord Scrope, of the offices of Bailiff and Steward of the liberty of Richmond fee, in co. York, and of Master Forester within that liberty, and of Constable of the castles of Richmond and Middleham, with the fee of 50*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* per annum, during pleasure.

June 24. Warrant to the Exchequer, for Sir Thomas Dishington to have the levying of 440*l.*, owing on accompt of the late Bishop of Exeter and his sub-collector for the subsidy of the clergy in that diocese in 18 James I., with allowance of a third part thereof for his travel and charges.

June 24. Warrant for transferring to the Court of Wards the payment of a pension of 1,000*l.* per annum, granted by the late King, in the 11th year of his reign, to the Earl of Salisbury, for 21 years, together with the arrears thereof.

June 24. Warrant to pay to Robert Hay 500*l.*, to be employed according to his Majesty's directions.

June 24. Dispensation for John Lord St. John of Basing, to be absent from Parliament.

June 24. Warrant to pay to Charles Lord Stanhope, Postmaster of England, 50*l.* for charges of extraordinary stages and post-horses in regard of his Majesty's progress.

June 24. Letter to Thomas Lumsden to have care of the game in Galtres Forest.

June 24. Letter to Thomas Lord Arundel of Wardour, to be absent from the Parliament.

June 25. Warrant dormant to pay to Thomas Warrick, during his life, annuities of 46*l.* and 40*l.* for the exercise of two several places among his Majesty's musicians, in such manner as Orlando Gibbons had the same.

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June 25. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of Gray's Inn 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, during pleasure, for a chaplain to read divine service daily in the chapel there.

June 25. Gift to George Duke of Buckingham of the King's pinnace called the Lion's Whelp, in consideration of a voyage by him intended for a discovery of the North-west passage.

June 25. Warrant to pay to William Rogers 1,200*l.*, for a jewel delivered to the Lord Chamberlain for the King's use.

June 25. Dispensation to Francis Earl of Rutland, to be absent from this Parliament.

June 25. The like to Robert Earl of Sussex.

June 25. Grant of an alms-room in Norwich to George Ranson.

June 27. Warrant to pay to the Lady Marquis de St. George, First Lady to the Queen, 1,000*l.* for her Majesty's use.

June 27. Warrant to the Wardrobe, to deliver to the Yeomen and Grooms of his Majesty's Robes stuff for their liveries, during pleasure.

June 27. Grant to Philip Walker, for life, of an alms-room in Rochester.

June 27. Grant to Sir Sydney Montagu, for life, of an annuity of 100*l.* for the exercise of the office of one of the Masters of Requests.

June 27. Dispensation for William Lord Petre to be absent from the Parliament.

June 27. Renewed warrant to pay to the Chief and other Barons of the Exchequer of the Coif 300*l.*, by way of increase of their ordinary fees in regard of their extraordinary travels and attendance.

June 27. Assignment from the King, for repayment of 8,616*l.* out of the alum works, to Nicholas Crispe, Ellis Crispe, and Abraham Chamberlain, due to them partly for money lent to the King to supply his occasions.

July 4. Warrant to pay to Sir William St. Leger 1,000*l.* [*See p.* 53; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 21.]

July 4. Warrant to the Cofferers of the Household, to pay to John Walker, Keeper of the King's house and yard within the Park of St. James, divers sums of money for keeping and breeding fowl there.

July 4. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Gregory Winter, Richard Hooper, William Bowyer, and Thomas Bowyer, officers of his Majesty's otter hounds, 3*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* each, for their liveries, at the feast of St. John the Baptist, annually.

July 4. The like, to deliver to David Forrest, Tailor of his Majesty's Robes, parcels of cloth, lace, bayes, satin, and other necessaries for a livery, at the feast of St. Andrew, annually.

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July 4. Warrant to pay to the same David Forrest an allowance of 12*d.* per diem, besides his other entertainments, to be continued until the allowances granted to John New should become void, which the said Forrest was then to enjoy.

July 4. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay to Josias Broome, Nicholas Transome, William Arnold, Roger Barefield, and Robert Broome, his Majesty's Trumpeters, 16*d.* each per day for wages.

July 4. The like, to pay to sundry of his Majesty's musicians several annuities and allowances.

July 6. Warrant to pay to Sir William Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, 1,500*l.* for bills of the Gentlemen Ushers and others. [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 27.]

July 6. Grant to Anne Josey, Laundress for his Majesty's table linen. [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 26.]

July 6. Renewed warrant to pay to Richard Hadsor 186*l.*, remainder of his entertainment as one of the late Commissioners sent into Ireland. [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 24.]

July 6. Renewed protection to Sir John Townesend and his sureties. [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 25.]

July 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 12,717*l.* 10*s.*, for debts of the King by him discharged.

July 6. Warrant to Sir Adam Newton, Receiver General of the Revenues of Wales, to pay to James Heriot, the King's Jeweller, 1,925*l.* 5*s.* [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 23.]

July 7. Warrant for payment of 300*l.* to Nicholas Lambert and John Guyott. [*See p.* 55; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 28.]

July 7. Dispensation to William Viscount Mansfield, to be absent from Parliament.

July 10. Warrant to Sir Henry Hobart, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and others, to surrender the manor and forest of Gillingham, cos. Dorset and Wilts.

July 10. Warrant to Wm. Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Sir William Segar, Garter King-at-Arms, divers parcels and particulars for his instalment at Windsor.

July 10. Similar warrant, for divers parcels and particulars for the Duke of Brunswick's instalment.

July 10. Warrant to the Exchequer and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to accept a surrender from James Levingston of an estate for two lives, in reversion after Sir Thos. Puckering, of the woods of Warden, co. Bedford, and to give order for preparation of a grant of lands in lieu thereof.

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July 11. Grant to Alexander Steward, of the benefit of forfeited recognizances of John Burch, Edmund Daniel, and Thomas Hatton. [*See p.* 59 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 34.]

July 12. Renewed warrant to pay to George Nicholson and Henry Shastowe, Paymasters of the remnant of the dissolved garrison of Berwick, and to such of the pensioners as shall be surviving, half-yearly, their allowance according to a new establishment signed by the King.

July 12. Grant to Dr. Chambers, of the place of one of his Majesty's Physicians in ordinary. [*See p.* 59 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 35.]

July 15. Warrant to pay to Robert [Richard?] Grymes 114*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for mending the pales of Hampton Court Park. [*See p.* 60 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 36.]

July 15. Warrant to pay to Sir Gawen Harvye 150*l.*, for the surrender of certain common of pasture. [*See p.* 60 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 37.]

July 15. Warrant to pay to Andrew Pitcairn, Master of the Hawks, to the use of Lewis Lathum, Eustace Norton, and the rest of the under falconers, the stipends formerly allowed them when the King was Prince of Wales.

July 15. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Robert Walker, the younger, Yeoman of the Buckhounds, during his life, 3*l.* 16*s.* in money, and stuff for a livery.

July 15. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Carre, Gentleman of the Bedchamber, and to Patrick Maule and John Leveston, two of the Bedchamber to the late King, the arrearages of their several pensions out of the Exchequer. [*The document dated July* 13, 1625.]

July 17. Warrant to the Ordnance, to deliver to the Lord Viscount Valentia, Master of the Ordnance in the Cadiz expedition, for the land service, ammunition for the service aforesaid. [*The document dated July* 16, 1625.]

July 17. Warrant to the Ordnance, to deliver to the Master Gunners of 12 of the King's ships, and of 73 merchant ships, iron ordnance, shot, powder, and other provisions.

July 17. Warrant to Sir Wm. Cope, Master of the Office of his Majesty's Armoury, to deliver to the Lord Visct. Valentia, 700 armours, consisting of back, breast, gorget, and head pieces, towards furnishing a land army of 10,000 soldiers.

July 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Richd. Moryson, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 240*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign. Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 41.]

July 17. The like to pay to the same 2,106*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 42.]

July 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. St. Leger 4,878*l.* for the charge of a supply of the land forces appointed to attend the fleet.

July 17. Presentation of James Hyatt, B.D., to Croston, in the diocese of Chester. [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 39.]

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July 17. Warrant to John Denham, Huntsman, for preservation of the game in cos. Leicester, Nottingham, and Rutland.

July 17. Grant to Wm. Brayne of an alms-room in Christ Church, Oxford, for life. [*Document dated July* 16, 1625.]

July 17. Confirmation of order of the Commissioners of Sewers in Essex, on behalf of Cornelius Vermuyden. [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 38.]

July 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Russell and Sir Allen Apsley 2,703*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for setting forth five ships taken up in the Thames. [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 40.]

July 17. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Henry Reyne, one of the King's Huntsmen, stuff for his livery, and 3*l.* 16*s.* in money for boot hose and other necessaries.

July 18. Warrant to pay to Eustace Norton 12*d.* per day. [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 43.]

July 18. The like to Capt. David Boswell 100*l.* [*See p.* 63 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 44.]

July 19. Renewed letter to Wm. Earl of Pembroke and others, to be aiding to his Majesty's Commissioners for the draining and inclosing of King's Sedgmoor.

July 19. The like to Hugh Pyne, touching King's Sedgmoor.

July 19. The like to Sir Thos. Phillips and others, touching the same.

July 19. Warrant to pay to Charles Marcadet 3,000*l.* for jewels. [*See p.* 66 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 46.]

July 19. Dispensation to Edward Lord Denny, to be absent from Parliament.

July 20. Warrant to give order to the Mint to receive 400,000 ecus, money of France, part of the Queen's portion, and speedily to coin the same. [*See p.* 66 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 49.]

July 20. Warrant to pay to Sir Oliver Cromwell 300*l.* [*See p.* 67; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 51.]

July 20. The like to Sir Henry Vane and Sir Marmaduke Darrell, Cofferers of the Household, 1,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* monthly, for the charge of the Queen's Household. [*See p.* 66 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 47.]

July 20. The like to Sir Geo. Trenchard and Sir Wm. Bamfield, Captains of Sandisford Castle, co. Dorset, 69*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* [*See p.* 66; *Sign Man., Vol,* i., *No.* 48.]

July 20. The like to Thos. Mynne, Knight Harbinger, for attendance at Suffolk House receiving the train of the Count de Tremes. [*See p.* 67; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 52.]

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July 20. Warrant to pay to Daniel du Plessis, Bishop of Mende, Chief Almoner to the Queen, 2,000*l.* for the charges of her chapel and oratory. [*See p.* 67; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 50.]

July 20. Grant to Wm. Ansloe of an alms-room in the Cathedral Church of Canterbury, for life.

July 20. Letters patent to pay to Sir Paul Pindar and Wm. Turnor, Farmers of the Alum Works, the several sums of 2,185*l.* and 18,000*l.* out of the profits of the said alum works; the former sum being due to the said Wm. Turnor on an agreement relating to the alum works; the latter to Sir Paul Pindar for a jewel bought of him.

July 20. Demise to William Earl of Pembroke of the forest of Exmoor, cos. Devon and Somerset. [*See p.* 67; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 53.]

August 5. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi, out of the Queen's portion money, 60,000*l.* for his Majesty's private services.

August 5. The like to Francis du Gerdin, 1,200*l.*, on surrender of a former Privy Seal [*see p.* 52], and 9,500*l.* for a fair jewel.

August 5. The like to Sir William St. Leger, 54*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, disbursed for brass ordnance over and above 1,000*l.* already paid. [*See p.* 53.]

August 8. The like to Philip Burlamachi, 5,000*l.*, part of 20,000*l.* owing to him by the King when Prince of Wales.

August 13. Grant to Hannibal Vivyan, for life, of the office of Comptroller of the Coinage of Tin in cos. Cornwall and Devon, and of the keepership of the gaol of Lostwithiel, with the fee of 40*s.* per annum of increase, the old fee being 10*l.* per annum, and the increase granted in respect of the increased number of prisoners, and "the coinage-days moe than was wont."

August 13. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 25,932*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, out of the first subsidy money granted by Parliament, for payment of the 6,000 men sent into the Low Countries by the late King.

August 13. The like, to continue the payment to Sir Thomas Chamberlaine, Justice of Chester, of 200*l.* per annum, for his service in two circuits yearly.

August 13. The like, to pay to Captain Henry Lane an annuity of 160*l.*, with arrears, out of money paid by William Copley for his recusancy, in consideration of his father's charges in convicting the said recusant.

August 13. Letter of Commission to Sir Thomas Fanshawe, Surveyor General, to make known to the Lords of manors bordering on King's Sedgmoor, co. Somerset, as well his Majesty's resolution that the benefit of his Majesty's proportion there shall be disposed wholly to the advancement of his own revenues, as also his willingness to give them contentment in any just petitions.

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August 13. Letter of Commission to Sir Thomas Fanshawe, Surveyor General, authorising him to examine the King's officers of forests and parks, thereby to inform himself so as to give satisfaction to his Majesty concerning the improving of his revenue from the said forests and parks.

August 13. Warrant to pay 300*l.* per annum to Ralph Heaton and Matthew Walker, assignees of John Atherton, John Blanch, and John Smith. [*See p.* 83 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 79.]

August 22. Dispensation to John Warner, Doctor of Divinity, to hold the rectory of St. Dionys' Backchurch, in London, with the rectory of Bishopsbourne with Barham annexed, in Kent.

August 22. Letters to the number of 26 to the Lieutenants of all the counties, with books of orders for putting in readiness the Trained Bands.

August 22. Warrant to pay to Jehan Prendre, jeweller of Paris, 3,060*l.* for 36 gold buttons set with diamonds and rubies, and a head-dressing of gold set also with diamonds and rubies, delivered to the Lord Chamberlain for his Majesty's use.

August 22. Warrant to pay to Edward Baseley and Anne his wife, late wife and executrix of Elias Jolly, saddler, 1,173*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

August 30. Lease to Giles Clutterbuck of the royalties arising within the liberties of the late dissolved monastery of St. Mary, near the walls of York, for 31 years, at the yearly rent of 5*l.*

August 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Gerard Fleetwood, 12*d.* per day, for looking to the game within the manor of Woodstock, and within ten miles about the same.

August 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Allen Apsley, Surveyor of Marine Victuals, 3,000*l.* for supply of such victuals as are defective.

August 30. Licence to Sir Allen Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower, to be absent from that charge for two months, appointing Sir William Parkhurst to supply his place.

August 31. Grant to Michael Andrews, one of his Majesty's Surgeons in ordinary, and to Mary his wife, and the survivor, of a pension of 150*l.* per annum.

August 31. Renewed warrant to pay to John Levingston and Patrick Maule, two several pensions of 500*l.* per ann., during the lives of them and their wives.

August 31. Warrant to pay to Henry Garaway 2,000*l.*, for one large table diamond set in a collet of gold.

August 31. The like to Jehan Prendre, 1,760*l.*, for 72 gold buttons and 8 pear pearls.

August 31. The like to James Heriot 8,880*l.*, for sundry rings, diamonds, and other things sold to the King.

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August 31. Warrant for transferring the payment of an annuity of 400*l.*, granted to Sir Thomas Somerset, from the Exchequer to the Court of Wards and Liveries.

August 31. Warrant to pay to —— Bailif, one of the French King's Musicians, 500*l.*, as of his Majesty's free gift.

August 31. The like to —— Boucan, one of the French King's Musicians, 500*l.*

August 31. The like to Spencer Lord Compton, Master of the Robes, 1,000*l.* for provision to be made in France, of necessaries for his Majesty's use and service.

August. Warrant to pay to the Coffer[er]s of the Household 3,000*l.*, towards the charges of defraying the diets and expenses of the Duchess of Chevreuse.

August. Grant to James Maxwell, Esq., and his heirs, in fee simple, of certain tenements lying without Aldgate, lately escheated to his Majesty on the death of John Caunt without heirs.

August. Warrant to pay 500*l.* to the 90 persons employed in bringing from France into England certain horses and coaches for her Majesty's service.

Sept. 5. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to pay any sums of money for performance of his Majesty's service by virtue only of the Signet without the Privy Seal, by reason of the far distance thereof.

Sept. 5. Warrant to pay to the Surveyors of Marine Victuals and the Treasurer of the Navy 5,874*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* for setting forth 9 merchant ships for three months' service in the Narrow Seas.

Sept. 5. The like to the Treasurer and Surveyors above mentioned 34,577*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, for setting forth 12 of his Majesty's ships for three months' service.

Sept. 5. The like to the same, 6,541*l.* 12*s.*, for setting forth 2 of his Majesty's ships and 3 pinnaces for three months' service.

Sept. 5. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to give order to the Master of the Mint to deliver in to the Receipt of the Exchequer all such quart d'ecus, being part of the portion money, as are yet uncoined.

Sept. 5. Grant to James Hay, Esquire for the Body, of a pension of 500 marks per annum, for life.

Sept. 7. Grant to Sir Alexander Brett, for life, of the office of Surveyor of the Ordnance, with the fee of 2*s.* by the day.

Sept. 7. Warrant to pay to Wm. [name and amount torn away] per day, for preserving the game of pheasant and partridge on Hounslow Heath.

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Sept. 10. Grant to Gilbert Raleigh, for life, of the office of Lieutenant of the Isle and Captain of the Castle of Portland, in co. Dorset, with the fee of 16*d.* per day for himself, and several fees for 13 persons under him, on the surrender of Sir Carew Raleigh.

Sept. 10. Warrant to pay to John Vaulier 2,260*l.*, for jewels bought of him at Boulogne, and to Sackville Crow 700*l.*, by him disbursed at Boulogne, both for the King's service.

Sept. 12. Warrant to pay to the Cofferers of the Household 500*l.*, for the charges of the Marquis of Blainville, Ambassador Extraordinary from the French King, with future certified amounts.

Sept. 12. The like, for payment of like sums for the diets of the Lord Oxenstiern, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Sweden.

Oct. 6. Warrant to pay to the Duke of Buckingham 4,000*l.*, for relinquishing a grant of the late King of the benefit of the fines of such natives of Ireland as inhabit on the undertakers' lands in Ulster.

Oct. 6. Grant to the Duke of Buckingham of the fines of 2,000*l.* due to the King from the Countess of Southampton for the wardship of her son, and 256*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* for the assignment of her dower and licence to marry, and also of a rent of 400*l.* reserved on the lease of the ward's lands; these grants being made for better enabling the Duke in the education of the said ward, whom his Majesty has recommended to the Duke.

Oct. 6. Warrant for the monthly allowance of 1,500*l.*, for the expenses of the Prince and Princess Palatine from the 1st Oct. inst. to the 30th Sept. next.

Oct. 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Abraham Williams 591*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*, the remainder of 1,091*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*, for the charges of Mons. Andreas Paul, sent hither from the Count Palatine of the Rhine.

Oct. 8. Grant to John Wolfang Rumler, for life, of the office of Apothecary to the Household, with the fee of 40*l.* per annum, and bouge of Court.

Oct. 8. Grant to the said John Wolfang Rumler, for life, of the office of compounding and serving all sweet waters, powders, and other odoriferous things, for the service of the King and Queen, with the fee of 20 marks per annum.

Oct. 8. Warrant to pay to the said John Wolfang Rumler, money due to him, on his bills subscribed by one of the physicians, for providing physical things for his Majesty's poor servants and others, not exceeding 60*l.* per annum.

Oct. 8. The like to the said John Wolfang Rumler, monies due on his bills viewed by one of the physicians, for physical and odoriferous things delivered for his Majesty's service.

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Oct. 8. Warrant to pay to Peter Jones, one of the trumpeters, 16*d.* per day, for life, in the room of Griffith Martin, deceased.

Oct. 8. The like to John Bland and his partners, Farmers of the pre-emption of tin, 4,698*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*, taken up by them for his Majesty's service when he was Prince of Wales.

Oct. 8. The like to Sir Henry Mildmay, Master and Treasurer of the jewels and plate, for a chain presented to M. le Roux, Commissary to the French King.

Oct. 10. The like to Monsieur De Caille, Treasurer to the Queen, 300*l.* for two Heralds-at-Arms that attended her Majesty in France.

Oct. 10. The like to Sir Robert Hide, Ranger of Braydon Forest, and John Essington, Woodward, the several sums of 80*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* and 94*l.*, disbursed in repairing and building the lodges there.

Oct. 10. The like to John Essington, Woodward of Wiltshire, 331*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, to be employed in repairing the lodges and pales of Clarendon Park in that county.

Oct. 10. The like to James Heriot, 930*l.* for jewels sold to his Majesty.

Oct. 10. Grant to Dr. Bargrave, of the deanery of Canterbury, void by the death of Dr. Boys.

Oct. 10. Lease to the Farmers of the Customs for one year from 24th December, 1624, with like exceptions as in the lease made in the 19th year of the late King for seven years, at the yearly rent of 160,000*l.*

Oct. 10. Warrant to discharge as well the Dean, Subdean, and Chaplains of the King's Chapel, as the Gentlemen of the same, with the officers of the vestry, from the payment of all subsidies.

Oct. 13. Letter to the Treasurers for the Subsidies, to pay to Henry Hart, agent for the Lord Docwra, 3,984*l.*, being the remainder of 12,443*l.*, ordered by the Council-at-War, for payment of supplies to be sent into Ireland this year.

Oct. 13. Grant to Henry Stringer, M.A., for life, of the office of Greek Lecturer in the University of Oxford, with the fee of 40*l.* per annum.

Oct. 13. Letter to the Receiver of the Court of Wards, to continue the payment of an annuity of 2,100*l.* to Katherine Duchess of Lennox notwithstanding any restraint.

Oct. 13. The like to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, to admit William Murray a coal meter of London.

Oct. 15. The like to Sir Henry Mildmay, Master and Treasurer of the Plate and Jewels, 100*l.*, for his present employment in his Majesty's private service of importance

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Oct. 15. Letter to John Witton, Postmaster of the Court, 50*l.* imprest, for his extraordinary attendance this progress.

Oct. 15. The like to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 7,111*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, for setting to sea 9 merchant ships with 760 men for 3 months service.

Oct. 15. The like to the same and the Surveyors of Marine Victuals, 4,103*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, for setting to sea the Nonsuch with 200 men for 3 months.

Oct. 15. Warrant to pay to each of his Majesty's 10 ordinary footmen, 40*l.* per annum.

Oct. 15. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Ley and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to order the Woodwards of the New Forest in Hampshire to suffer Hugh Combes to fell ten timber trees, and as many dotard and decayed trees as may be worth 200*l.*, for rebuilding his stables and barns that were consumed by fire near Holbury when the King was there.

Oct. 21. Salisbury. Warrant to Wm. Earl of Pembroke and Philip Earl of Montgomery, to have the oversight of the game within ten miles of Clarendon Park.

Oct. 22. The like to the Receiver of South Wales, to pay to Wm. Earl of Northampton, Lord President of Wales, 1,106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann., for the diet and expenses of the said President and Council.

Oct. 25. Grant to Edward Dendy, of the office of one of the Serjeants-at-Arms in ordinary, with the fee of 12*d.* per diem, and that he and none other shall fetch up any Sheriff or other accomptant which shall not come in and accompt within the time limited unto them, or shall make any contempt against the Court of Exchequer.

Oct. 25. Warrant to pay to Sir John Finett, Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, 100*l.*, towards defraying the charges of the removal of the French Ambassador, and for Sir John's charges and attendance.

Nov. 3. Commission to Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer Ley, and his Majesty's Judges, to see the laws made against popish recusants put in due execution.

Nov. 3. Grant to Sir Edward Cecil, of the dignity of Baron Cecil and Viscount Wimbledon. [*See p.* 143; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 88.]

Nov. 3. Warrant to pay to George Sheires, Apothecary for the Household, his charges, not exceeding 60*l.* per annum. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 81.]

Nov. 3. The like to Elizabeth Lady Morton, 2,400*l.*, for a diamond ring and a jewel bought of her. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 80.]

Nov. 3. The like to Eleanor Felton, widow, during life, 100*l.* per annum. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 83.]

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Nov. 3. Warrant for allowing the charges of removing the Receipt of Exchequer from Richmond to Reading.

Nov. 3. Grant to Sir John Coke, of the office of one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, with the usual fee of 100*l.* per annum, for life. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 85.]

Nov. 3. Warrant to pay to Sec. Coke, 700*l.* yearly, for intelligence and secret service. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 86.]

Nov. 3. Protection to Edward Roy for six months. [*See p.* 141; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 84.]

Nov. 3. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to Humphrey Jenkinson, one of his Majesty's Trumpeters, all such allowances as were paid to Anthony Denham, deceased.

Nov. 11. Warrant to pay to Sir Andrew Keith 189*l.* [*See p.* 147; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 92.]

Nov. 11. The like to Endymion Porter, 60*l.* [*See p.* 149; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 93.]

Nov. 12. Hampton Court. The like to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Archibald Primrose, his Majesty's servant, half-yearly during his life, the usual velvet stuff for his livery.

Nov. 19. Grant to Ralph Goodwin and Sampson Eures, of the office of Examiner in the Court of the Marches of Wales. [*See p.* 154; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 102.]

Nov. 19. Grant to Sir Robert Hide of fines in the liberty of Chippenham, co. Wilts. [*See p.* 154; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 102.]

Nov. 19. Warrant to Sir Henry Hobart and others to grant a lease to Walter Alexander, one of the King's Gentlemen Ushers Daily Waiters, of the King's farm called Hinton Grange, in co. Somerset, for twenty-one years, in reversion, at the yearly rent of 49*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*

Nov. 21. Warrant to Alexander Sutor, one of his Majesty's Falconers, for preservation of the game at Shelford, co. Cambridge.

Nov. 21. Warrant to pay to Richard Berwicke, one of his Majesty's Falconers, 16*d.* per diem, and 22*s.* 6*d.* yearly for a livery, being the allowances formerly paid to George Grayme, now one of the King's Huntsmen.

Nov. 21. The like to John Lorkin, administrator of Thomas Lorkin, late his Majesty's Agent in France, 240*l.* due to him for that employment.

Nov. 21. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Hatton and William Bradrigge 230*l.* [*See p.* 154; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 104.]

Nov. 24. Grant to Peter Danyell, and Peter, his son, and the survivor, of the office of Comptroller of Records in cos. Chester, Flint, and Carnarvon, with a fee of 12*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* per annum, as the same was formerly granted to Sir Hugh Beeston and George, his son. [*See p.* 157; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 116.]

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Nov. 24. Grant to Thomas Wilson, D.D., of a prebend in Westminster Abbey. [*See p.* 156; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 114.]

Nov. 24. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Sir Robert Cocke, Clerk of the Cheque of his Majesty's Guard, 348*l.* for liveries for the Captain of the Guard, and for the Yeomen, Grooms, and Pages of the Chamber and Wardrobe, in number 334 persons.

Nov. 24. Warrant to pay to John Caille, Treasurer General to the Queen, 8,300*l.* 10*s.*, being a proportionate part of the Queen's allowance, after the rate of 15,000*l.* per annum. [*See p.* 157; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 117.]

Nov. 24. The like to Sir Henry Mildmay, Master of the King's Jewels and Plate, and John Acton, his Majesty's Goldsmith, 146*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for two chains of gold and two medals. [*See p.* 157; *Sign Man., Vol.* i., *No.* 115.]

Dec. 4. Grant to Mary Hamilton, widow, and John Hamilton, her son, of a pension of 200*l.* per annum.

Dec. 9. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert [Karr], Keeper of the Privy Purse, 500*l.*

Dec. 9. The like to Robert Lord Cary, 2,628*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*, part of the value of 500*l.* land per ann. remaining yet unpassed, at 30 years purchase.

Dec. 9. Grant to Jolliff Lownes, of the office of Surveyor of the Petty Customs in the Port of London, with the fee of 300*l.* per ann., for life.

Dec. 9. Grant to Sir Thomas Dishington, of all arrearages due on the account of Wm. Cotton, late Bishop of Exeter, and George Trowbridge, his sub-collector, for the subsidy of the clergy of that diocese, granted 18 James I., amounting to 440*l.*

Dec. 9. Warrant to Endymion Porter, "one of the Bedchamber," to transport sundry of his Majesty's jewels to the Hague, and to deliver them to the Duke of Buckingham to be disposed of according to the King's directions.

Dec. 10. Warrant to pay to James Earl of Carlisle 1,000*l.*, in consideration of some secret service by him done in the time of King James.

Dec. 12. Letter to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lieut. of Cornwall and Lord Warden of the Stannaries, to give orders to his Dep. Lieuts. that, on notice of any hostility there, they draw down a competent number of the Trained Bands.

Dec. 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Abraham Williams the usual sum of 1,150*l.* for liveries, beer, wood, and charcoal for the service of the Lady Elizabeth for the present year 1625.

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Dec. 17. Grant to Walter Vaughan, for life, of the offices of keeping the King's Wardrobe at Westminster and the Revestry there, as the same were formerly granted to John Cotton, deceased.

Dec. 17. Grant to John Harbert, for life, of the office of Governor of the Hospital of Highgate, co. Middlesex, void by the death of William Stockwell.

Dec. 17. Warrant to pay to the gardener at Hampton Court, sums due for keeping the same gardens and walks, on his bills allowed by the Duke of Buckingham, the Keeper of that house.

Dec. 17. Grant to Sir James Fullerton, for life, of the stewardships of the manor and hundred of Mere, co. Wilts, and of the manor and forest of Gillingham, co. Dorset.

Dec. 17. Warrant to pay to the Knight Harbinger and one of the Gentlemen Harbingers, 544*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, for their charges in entertaining the Duke and Duchess of Chevreuse, the Marquis D'Effiat, and M. de Ville aux Clercs.

Dec. 17. Warrant for allowance to Humphrey Jenkinson, one of the King's Trumpeters, of a livery yearly, for his life.

Dec. 17. Grant to Thomas Preston, during good behaviour, of the office of one of the Pursuivants of Arms, called Portcullis, vacant by the death of Philip Holland, with the fee of 20*l.* per annum.

Dec. 17. Warrant to pay to Lieutenant John Heatley and eleven Scottish soldiers, who lately served under Count Mansfeldt, 50*l.* for their present relief.

Dec. 17. Grant to Thomas Caldwell, his Majesty's servant, of 1,000*l.*, out of certain payments due from Richard Harbin, some time Collector of Green Wax, and otherwise; this grant being made in lieu of a former grant of 800*l.*, from which the said Thos. Caldwell received no benefit.

Dec. 17. Grant to Robert Lord Cary and Sir Henry Cary, his son, of lands to the value of 412*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* per annum, parcel of 500*l.* per annum bestowed on them by the King.

Dec. 17. Confirmation of a lease from Sir Henry Hobart and others, by the King's direction, to Walter Alexander, one of the Gentlemen Ushers, of Hinton Grange, co. Somerset, for 21 years, in reversion, under the ancient rent of 49*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*

Dec. 18. Letter to Archbishop Abbot of Canterbury, to use all lawful means for discovering and punishing Popish recusants, Jesuits, and seminary priests, and to send a transcript of the same letter to all the Bishops of his province.

Dec. 18. Discharge to Sir Arthur Ingram and George Low of all money-bonds, contracts, and covenants concerning the alum works, in consideration of the surrender by Sir Arthur Ingram of his interest in the said "alums," and of several payments of money by him made.

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Dec. 19. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for allowance to Clement Laniere, one of the musicians, for his livery yearly, during pleasure.

Dec. 19. Similar warrant for allowance of livery to Jerome Laniere, also one of the musicians.

Dec. 19. Renewed warrant for liveries to Robert Jossey and John Hart, Yeoman and Groom of the Robes, for their lives.

Dec. 19. Warrant for allowance to Dr. Betun, Physician in ordinary, to attend his Majesty's person, of diet and board wages, from the 10th May last.

Dec. 19. Grant to Wm. Murray, one of the Bedchamber, and Katherine, his wife, and the survivor, of a pension of 400*l.* per ann.; with a grant also of the sum of 200*l.* to the said Wm. Murray.

Dec. 19. Grant to Thos. Earl of Arundel, of the fine of 500 marks imposed in the Court of Wards for the wardship of Lord Stafford, in trust for those who have maintenance out of the estate.

Dec. 19. Grant to Sir Timothy Tirrell, Master of the Buckhounds, of a pension of 100*l.* per ann., for life.

Dec. 19. Warrant to pay to Michael Oldisworth 300*l.*, for things to be provided for a mask.

Dec. 19. The like to Wm. Murray, one of the Bedchamber, 200*l.*, as of his Majesty's free gift.

Dec. 21. Grant to Thomas Potts, his Majesty's servant, of a pension of 100*l.* per ann., for life.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to Christopher Morland, Groom of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to Robert Levingston, Groom of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to James Elliott, Groom of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to Robert Pitcairn, Groom of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to Philip Proger, one of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Similar grant to Thomas Caldwell, one of the Privy Chamber, of 60*l.* per ann.

Dec. 21. Renewed grant to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, of the offices of Captain of the Castle and Isle of Portsmouth, and Constable of Porchester Castle, and Lieut. of the Forest of Southbere. [*See p.* 194.]

Dec. 21. Renewed protection to Sir John Townesend, for a year after the expiration of a former protection granted by King James.

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Dec. 21. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for liveries to Ambrose Thelwell, Yeoman of the Robes to the late King; and to John Duncombe and Robert Thompson, Grooms of the same, yearly, during pleasure.

Dec. 22. Warrant dormant to the Receiver General of the Court of Wards, to pay to the Master of the Great Wardrobe 2,000*l.* per ann., towards the customary charge of the Wardrobe.

Dec. 22. Warrant to pay to Thos. Viscount Andover 100*l.* for a half year's keep of 20 mares at Charlton, in co. Wilts., for the King's service, and 200*l.* yearly so long as he shall keep the same.

Dec. 22. The like to Henry Gratwick, a pension of 30*l.* per ann., for life, in regard of the accidental loss of one of his eyes by the shot of a piece when the King was at Plymouth.

Dec. 22. Discharge to his Majesty's musicians, trumpeters, drummers, fifers, and armourers, from payment of the two subsidies granted in Parliament.

Dec. 31. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer, to give order for the free importation of ten tons of French wines, over and besides 1,050 tons and 150 tons formerly allowed, in favour of Mons. Joachim, Ambassador from the States, and to be added to his former allowance of 20 tons.

Dec. 31. Warrant to pay to Claude de Fecan, a Frenchman attending the Queen, 60*l.* as of his Majesty's free gift.

Dec. 31. Warrant dormant to pay to the Grooms and Pages of the Chamber 100*l.* yearly, during pleasure.

Dec. 31. Warrant to pay to Thomas Earl of Kellie, 10,000*l.*, in consideration of service done to the late and present King.

Dec. 31. Grant to John Richardson, of the office of Remembrancer within the co. Durham, with the yearly fee of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, during pleasure.

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Jan. 4. Renewed grant to Sir Theodore Mayerne, of the office of Chief Physician in ordinary to the King, with licence to continue his place of Councillor and Physician to the French King, and a dispensation of his personal attendance except upon command.

Jan. 4. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of parcels to Alfonso Ferrabosco, one of the King's musicians, for his yearly livery.

Jan. 4. Warrant to pay to the Pages of the Bedchamber 40*l.* yearly, as hath been heretofore accustomed.

Jan. 4. The like to Richard Bancks, 150*l.*

Jan. 4. Renewed protection to John Pulford, the King's servant, and Thomas Collins, his surety, rendered necessary by the change in the Lord Keepership.

Jan. 10. The King to the Lord Mayor (Sir Allen Cotton), and the Aldermen of London, recommending Wm. Murray to be admitted a coal-meter.

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Jan. 10. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to supply a yearly livery to Hugh Aston, Clerk of the Wardrobe and Wardrobe of Robes to the Queen.

Jan. 10. Warrant to Robt. Halfhyde to preserve his Majesty's game of partridge about Royston.

Jan. 16. Warrant to pay to Henry Earl of Holland 8*l.* per diem, and to Sir Dudley Carleton 6*l.* per diem, as his Majesty's Ambassadors Extraordinary to the French King, to begin from the 28th December last.

Jan. 16. The like to the same, 608*l.*, for secret service.

Jan. 16. The like to Thos. Mynne, Knight Harbinger, 854*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, for attendance on Ambassadors, and also on the King and Queen on their removes.

Jan. 16. Warrant for Robt. Scarborough and Thos. West, two of his Majesty's Falconers, to have an increase of 25*l.* per ann., to make their entertainment equal to that of the other falconers.

Jan. 16. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, for cloth to be delivered to John Barnes, appointed a Page of the Bedchamber to the Queen.

Jan. 16. Grant to John Bradshaw, Rouge Croix, of the office of Windsor Herald, during good behaviour, with the fee of 40 marks per ann., the same being vacant by the death of Augustine Vincent.

Jan. 16. The King to Geo. Duke of Buckingham, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. For his attendance at the coronation, and to give order to the Cinque Ports that their Barons should be present to perform their service.

Jan. 16. The King to Sackville Crow and Philip Calandrini. Declaring his Majesty's approbation of their service in the Low Countries in taking up money on certain plate and jewels.

Jan. 23. Warrant to pay to Sir Geo. Holles 282*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, expenses of soldiers lately sent out of the Low Countries.

Jan. 23. The like to the Duke of Buckingham, 10,000*l.*, borrowed by him from Sir Paul Bayning for furnishing the fleet lately sent forth.

Jan. 23. The like to Sir John Ogle, 200*l.*, remainder of 300*l.* due to him for his service at Portsmouth, being 150 days at 40*s.* per diem.

Jan. 23. Grant to Rice Griffith, one of his Majesty's Footmen, of a fine of 100*l.* imposed on John Dowle, late Sheriff of co. Gloucester, for deferring the execution of John Compton, convicted of the murder of Wm. Lambe.

Jan. 23. Safe conduct for Contarini Paleologus, a Greek, with liberty of collection at the churches for redeeming his wife, children, and kinsfolks from the servitude of the Turks.

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Jan. 23. Warrant to pay the following yearly fees:—to John Mogridge, Yeoman of the Leash to the Queen, 30*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*; to Gregory Winter and Daniel Livermore, Yeomen of the Beagles, 25*l.* apiece; to Rowland Lloyd, Yeoman of the Queen's Bows and Lime-hounds, 30*l.* 10*s.*; to Solomon Cole, Groom of her Crossbows and Lime-hounds, 22*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

Jan. 23. Protection for six months to Henry Girton and his sureties.

Jan 24. Grant of denization for Rombont Jacobson.

Jan. 24. Warrant to pay 3*s.* 2*d.* by the day to Lawrence Dundas, one of his Majesty's Falconers.

Jan. 24. The like to John Prichard, appointed a rider of his Majesty's great horses, in place of Alexander Zinzan, deceased, the yearly wages of 20*l.*, a livery coat, and livery for a horse, during life.

Jan. 25. Warrant to pay to David Ramsey 150*l.*, for coins to be given by the King on the day of his coronation.

Jan. 25. The like to Sir Robt. Karr, Keeper of the Privy Purse, 800*l.*, to be disbursed according to the King's directions.

Jan. 25. The like to Sir Wm. Harrington, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 240*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for 200 gilt javelins and 241 gilt halberds for the Yeomen of the Guard and Warders of the Tower for the first year of the King's reign.

Jan. 27. The King to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Chancellor of the University of Oxford. To direct his letters to the Vice Chancellor and Heads of Colleges to consider what have been the true occasions of the general offence taken at the government there, for reformation whereof the late Parliament petitioned his Majesty; and that if they could not themselves reform the errors, the King would thereunto join his own power.

Jan. 27. The same to Thos. Earl of Suffolk, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. Similar letter.

Jan. 27. Grant of the dignity of Baronet to Sir John Ashfield, one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber.

Jan. 27. Warrant to discharge Sir John Ashfield of all money payable in respect of his Baronetcy.

Jan. 27. Demise to James Levingston, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, of the manors of East and West Deeping, co. Lincoln, granted on surrender of a lease of Park Wood and Abbey Wood, co. Bedford.

Jan. 27. Warrant to pay to Walter Brisco, Marshal of the Ceremonies, 306*l.* 5*s.* for his attendance on Ambassadors, and also 68*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for attendance of some of his fellows.

Jan. 27. Order that a pension of 40*l.* per ann. granted to Henry Caperne, sometime his Majesty's coachman, for life, be paid out of the Exchequer instead of out of the revenues of Wales.

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Jan. 27. Grant to Christopher Wood of an alms-room in St. Peter's, Westminster.

Jan. 28. Renewed warrant to pay to Sir George Reynell, Marshal of the King's Bench, 386*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, for charge of prisoners committed to his custody.

Jan. 28. Warrant to pay to John Ryley, Serjeant Trumpeter, in the room of Henry Martin, deceased, the fee of 16*d.* per diem, for life.

Jan. 28. Grant of a musician's place for the sackbuts to Jerome and Wm. Laniere, his son, in the room of Edwd. Harden, deceased, with the fee of 20*d.* per diem, and 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly for a livery.

Jan. 31. Dispensation for Henry Earl of Northumberland, to be absent from the Parliament in regard of indisposition of body; procured by the Duke of Buckingham.

Jan. 31. The like for Francis Earl of Cumberland.

Jan. 31. Similar dispensation for Thos. Visct. Colchester.

Jan. 31. Warrant to pay to Edward Clarke 20*s.* per diem, during his employment in foreign parts for special service; also his charges of transportation, and 100*l.* for two journies already performed by the King's command.

Jan. 31. The like to Sir Robt. Killigrew, 4*l.* per diem, as Resident Ambassador with the States of the United Provinces, to begin from 1st December last.

Jan. 31. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of stuff and necessaries to John Lewgar, his Majesty's Coffer-maker.

Jan. 31. Grant to Sir Richd. Smith and Thos. Smith, and the survivor, of the office of General Receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall, on surrender of a similar grant to the said Sir Richard Smith and Sir Thomas Smith, now deceased.

Jan. 31. Warrant to pay to Philip Earl of Montgomery 72*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* yearly, for life, for keeping the Spring Garden, and the beasts and fowls there, and in the park of St. James, with such further charges for repairs, labourers, weeders, &c., as should be allowed by the Lord Treasurer.

Jan. 31. The like to the same Earl, as Keeper of the manor of Woodstock, 30*l.* yearly, during his life, for provision of hay for the deer in Woodstock Park.

Jan. 31. The like to John Wood, one of the Yeomen of the Toyles, 12*d.* per diem for wages, and 40*s.* yearly for a livery, for life.

Jan. 31. Renewed warrant to the Auditor and Receiver of co. Wilts, to pay to Thos. Greene, Yeoman of the Race of Cowsfold and West Park, in the lordship of Malmesbury, the wages of 10*d.* per diem, and 40*s.* yearly for the farrier of his Majesty's studs.

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Jan. 31. Warrant to John Halfpenny for preservation of the game between Greenwich and Crayford.

Jan. 31. Dispensation for Thos. Lord Windsor, to be absent from the coronation and Parliament in regard of indisposition of body.

Jan. 31. Dispensation for Edward Earl of Bath, to be absent from the Parliament; by order from the Duke of Buckingham.

Jan. 31. Dispensation for John Lord Teynham, to be absent from the Parliament in regard of indisposition of body.

Jan. 31. Grant to the inhabitants of towns in the bailiwick of Surrey in the forest of Windsor to exempt them from all purveyance, either for the King's house or stable, and from all charges for the King's removes, except carriages for Windsor Castle and others of the King's houses of access within the said bailiwick, to the intent they should be more careful to preserve the King's deer.

Jan. 31. Dispensation for Wm. Lord Petre, to be absent from Parliament in regard of indisposition of body.

Jan. 31. Renewed warrant to pay to Catherine Browne, wife of Robt. Browne, sometime Gentleman of the Cellar to his late Majesty, a pension of 100*l.* per ann., for life.

Jan. 31. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of a livery to Hugh Henn and Adam Hill, sometime Pages of the Bedchamber to his late Majesty, during pleasure.

Feb. 6. Warrant to pay 10,000*l.* for billeting, apparelling, and paying the soldiers employed in the fleet on their arrival here, with such further sums as should be ordered by the Council.

Feb. 6. The like to Wm. Baber, 150*l.*, his Majesty's free gift.

Feb. 6. The like to Robt. Halfhyde, Keeper of the Game at Royston, 100*l.*, his Majesty's free gift.

Feb. 6. Presentation of Wm. Fenn to the rectory of Theverton, in the diocese of Norwich.

Feb. 6. Dispensation for Thos. Lord Wotton, to be absent from the Parliament in regard of indisposition of body.

Feb. 6. Like dispensation for Thos. Lord Arundel of Wardour.

Feb. 7. Warrant to the Master of the Jewel House, to deliver to Sir Robt. Killigrew, appointed Resident Ambassador with the States, 1,200 oz. of plate to furnish his table.

Feb. 7. Warrant to pay to the same 150*l.*, for blacks for himself and retinue, for the late King. [*"Stayed" is written against this entry.*]

Feb. 7. The like to John Kellock, Master of the Barges, 30*l.* per ann. for wages, for life.

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Feb. 7. Grant to Stephen Riccard, of an alms-room in Durham, for life. [*This entry was subsequently erased, and "Put out" written against it in the margin. See* 1626, *Feb.* 28.]

Feb. 7. Similar grant to John Hunt, in Norwich.

Feb. 7. Warrant to allow to Ambrose Thelwall, Robt. Tompson, and John Duncom, Officers of the Robes to his late Majesty, their accustomed board wages.

Feb. 7. Grant to Henry Balden, of an alms-room in Ewelme, co. Oxford, for life.

Feb. 14. Grant to Queen Henrietta Maria, of Denmark House and 24 tenements, for her life; with a declaration that the King will grant to her all the ornaments and household stuff therein remaining so soon as an inventory thereof can be made.

Feb. 14. Renewed protection for one year to Mrs. Mary Gargrave, late one of the Maids of Honour to Queen Anne, deceased, and her sureties.

Feb. 14. Dispensation for Richd. Visct. Tunbridge, to be absent from this Parliament.

Feb. 14. Renewed letter to the Charterhouse, recommending Robt. Bickerton, son of one of his late Majesty's servants, to be admitted scholar there.

Feb. 15. Warrant to pay to Walter Montagu, 200*l.*, for secret service.

Feb. 15. Grant to Sir Edmund Verney, of the office of Knight Marshal, on surrender of Sir Edward Zouch.

Feb. 15. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and Sir Richard Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to give order to the Receiver of North Wales to pay to Sir John Bridgeman, Chief Justice of Chester, 200*l.* for his services in two Circuits in North Wales, being the sum which Sir Thos. Chamberlaine, deceased, lately had.

Feb. 15. The King to Wm. Earl of Northampton, Lord President, and to the Council of Wales. To admit Sir John Bridgeman to be one of the Four Counsellors in Ordinary, in place of Sir Thos. Chamberlaine, deceased.

Feb. 15. Commission to the Duke of Buckingham, to give order to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, to be Receiver of monies arising from the sale of prizes; the same to be issued for maintenance of the navy and wars, as the King shall direct or the Duke think expedient.

Feb. 15. Grant to the present Gentlemen Ushers Quarter Waiters, giving them power during their lives to receive double their usual fees on the creation of any Prince, Peer, Bishop, or Knight.

Feb. 15. Dispensation for [Archbishop Matthew] of York, to be absent from this Parliament.

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Feb. 21. Grant to Edward Nicholas of monies and merchandise brought into England by Thos. Ryvett, of Ipswich, for the use of the Governor of the Terceiras.

Feb. 21. Signification of his Majesty's pleasure, that Edward Lord Conway, Captain of the Isle of Wight, should receive all benefit which had accrued to that office since the death of the Earl of Southampton, the late Captain.

Feb. 21. Warrant to pay to Wm. Gregory, musician for the wind-instruments, in the room of James Harding, deceased, 1*s.* 8*d.* per diem, and 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* per ann. for a livery, for life.

Feb. 21. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of liveries to Anthony Lasingby and John Baker, his Majesty's Upholsters, yearly, during pleasure.

Feb. 21. Warrant to pay to Thos. Earl of Suffolk 150*l.*, towards reparation of spoils made in Suffolk House during the residence there of the French Ambassador.

Feb. 21. Pardon to Thos. Plumb, for killing Thos. Bennett.

Feb. 21. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy and the Surveyors of Marine Victuals, 21,621*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, for the ordinary charge of the navy for the present year; and 7,137*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, for building two new ships of 350 tons each, in place of the Speedwell which was cast away; also for lengthening the graving-dock at Chatham, &c.

Feb. 21. Renewed warrant to the Receiver of the Court of Wards and Liveries, to continue the payment of 100*l.* per ann. to John Levingston, during pleasure.

Feb. 21. Warrant to pay to the same 250*l.*, remainder of 1,000*l.* bestowed on him by his late Majesty.

Feb. 21. Dispensation for Wm. Visct. Mansfield, to be absent from this Parliament.

Feb. 21. Presentation of John Cosin, B.D., to the rectory of Brancepeth, in the diocese of Durham; by order of the Duke of Buckingham.

Feb. 22. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Marlborough, to give order to the officers of the ports to suffer prize goods discharged by the order of the Court of Admiralty to be transported free of custom.

Feb. 22. Dispensation for Bishop Godwin of Hereford, to be absent from this Parliament.

Feb. 22. Grant of a pension of 200*l.* per ann. to Sir Francis Biondi and Dame Mary his wife, during their lives, on surrender of two former pensions granted by the late King.

Feb. 22. Warrant to pay to Sir David Murray 5,000*l.* out of the portion money; his Majesty's free gift.

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Feb. 23. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Marlborough and other Commissioners for disposing of the assessionary and customary lands of the Duchy of Cornwall, to demise any other of the King's lands, parcel of the said Duchy, for discharge of the King's debts before his accession to the Crown.

Feb. 23. Warrant to the Exchequer, to pay to Philadelphia Lady Wharton 250*l.*, paid by her into the Court of Wards, for the marriage and wardship of Philip Lord Wharton her son.

Feb. 23. Warrant to Richd. Kerry, for the preservation of the game of hare, pheasant, partridge, and wild fowl within the Honor of Hampton Court.

Feb. 23. Grant to Anthony Tuchin, of the office of one of the four principal Masters of the Navy, for life, in the room of John King, deceased.

Feb. 24. Grant to Sir James Fullerton, Master of the Game within the forest of Gillingham, co. Dorset, of all the deer in the same.

Feb. 24. Discharge to Robt. Earl of Monmouth, and Philadelphia Lady Wharton, of a rent of 250*l.* per ann., imposed on them in the Court of Wards during the minority of Philip Lord Wharton, for a lease of lands descended to him by the death of the late Lord Wharton, his grandfather.

Feb. 25. Warrant to William Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver a pavilion of tawny damask, with a chair, cushion, and footstool suitable, to Robt. Woodford, to the use of the Countess of Denbigh, as his Majesty's gift.

Feb. 28. Grant to George Owen, of the office of Rouge Croix Pursuivant-at-Arms, during good behaviour, in the place of John Bradshaw now one of the Heralds, with a fee of 20*l.* per ann.

Feb. 28. Warrant to pay to Cuthbert Collins, one of the 16 ordinary Trumpeters, for life, 16*d.* per diem, in place of Josias Broome, now one of the Serjeant Trumpeters.

Feb. 28. Grant to Stephen Riccard, of an alms-room in Durham.

March 25. Grant to Richard Lord Dacre, Thomas Letsome, and Nicholas Page, of a privilege for making steel for 14 years, by the way invented and perfected by Letsome, by the charge of Lord Dacre and assistance of Page, being the first inventor thereof.

March 25. Warrant to pay to each of William Edwards, William Greene, and Laurence Bigger, 4*d.* per day and 6*d.* per day, for preserving the game on the river Lea, and maintaining the gates on the said river with locks, keys, &c.

March 25. Warrant to William Earl of Salisbury, for preservation of his Majesty's game on the river Lea.

March 25. Warrant to pay to Edward Barrett, Keeper of Nonsuch Park, 59*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, disbursed for repair of the pales.

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March 31. Grant to Arnold Spencer, of a pension of 500 marks a year out of the Court of Wards, for the residue of a former grant for 21 years, made to Lord Sheffield by the late King.

March 31. The like to Roger Townsend, of a similar pension of 100*l.* per annum, with the arrears.

March 31. Warrant to pay to Robert Francis, Post of Westchester, from the 22nd February last, his bills for conveying packets from Chester to "Helbrye," and from Chester to Ireland and back, with allowance to his late father, John Francis, for the like services up to the said 22nd February.

March 31. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Household, to pay to Humphrey Broughton, supernumerary Yeoman of the Bows, the yearly fee of 18*l.*, over and above the like fee usually paid to the Yeomen of the Bows in ordinary.

March 31. The like to the Cofferers of the Household, to pay to the said Humphrey Broughton 12*d.* per day for his wages, over and above the like fee usually paid as above.

March 31. Grant to Henry Jackson of an alms-room in St. Peter's, Westminster, for life.

March 31. The like for Laurence Mercer.

March 31. The like for Robert Walker, in St. Stephen's, Westminster.

April 4. Warrant to pay to William Walker, surgeon, 50*l.*, as the King's gift to him, for embalming the body of King James.

April 4. A like to Sir John Philpot, Ranger of the forest of Chute, co. Southampton, to take the charge of preserving the game in the said forest and within seven miles compass of the same.

April 4. The like to ten late Ordinary Grooms of the Bedchamber to King James, now sworn to his Majesty as supernumeraries, 2*s.* per day each, over and above the like fees usually paid to the Grooms of the King's Chamber in ordinary.

April 4. The like to Cuthbert Collins, one of the supernumerary Trumpeters to the King, 16*d.* per day, for life, with such other entertainments as are incident to the other Trumpeters in ordinary.

April 4. Warrant to the Wardrobe, to deliver to Thomas Smithsby, the King's Esquire Saddler, in the place of John Bingham, deceased, divers parcels for his livery yearly, during life.

April 4. Grant to Jenkin Morgan of the office of one of the Sergeants-at-Arms in ordinary, with a fee of 12*d.* per day, in the place of Thomas Allen, deceased.

April 4. Warrant to pay to the armourers at Greenwich, after the rate of 3*l.* 12*s.* a piece, 68*l.* 8*s.*, detained by them out of their wages for two of the three subsidies granted to the late King in the last year of his reign.

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April 4. Commission to the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellors of the Exchequer and of the Duchy of Lancaster, to compound for certain lands within or near the parishes of Kingston, Putney, Wimbledon, and Merton, co. Surrey, which his Majesty intends to impark.

April 4. Warrant to pay to John Millington, Purveyor of the Cellar to the late King, 2*s.* per day, for life.

April 4. The like to the Grooms of the Bedchamber to King James, such pensions as were granted them by the said late King.

April 4. Grant to John Gaye, at the nomination of James Ouchterlony, of 482*l.* 17*s.* 11¼*d.*, arrears of assart lands remaining ungranted to Capt. John Pennington by the late King, granted according to the intention of the late King.

April 4. Grant to Sir John Monson, K.B., Thomas Monson, and John Monson, of the office of particular Receiver of the honour of Bolingbroke and all other the possessions of the Duchy of Lancaster within the co. of Lincoln.

April 4. Warrant to pay to Francis Wetherid, Surveyor of his Majesty's Stables, 95*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, for repairs of the stables at the mews St. James's, Sheen, Royston, and Newmarket.

April 13. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi, 51,865*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* imprest, for the payment of 6,000 soldiers in the Low Countries, for six months, accompting 42 days to every month.

April 13. The like to the Cofferers of the Household, 294*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* imprest, for the charge of the feast for the Knights of the Bath.

April 13. Letter to the Lord President and Council of the North, requiring them to establish Sir Thos. Monson in the office of Clerk for making the King's letters, according to a grant thereof to him during the lives of Sir John Monson, Thos. Monson, and John Monson.

April 13. Grant to Joshua Gallard, of the office of Receiver within cos. Nottingham and Derby, for life, with the fee of 20*l.* per ann., and 20*s.* for the portage of every 100*l.*, upon surrender of Wm. Pew.

April 17. Confirmation to Thos. Stukeley and Sir Richard Tichborne of a demise, for 16 years, made to them bonâ fide and before conviction of recusancy, by Sir John Philpot, of the manor of Waceling alias Compto Waceling, Barton Beverell, and other lands.

April 28. Grant to John Wells and Benjamin Wallinger, and the survivor, of the office of General Keeper of his Majesty's stores and Keeper of the particular stores of the Navy, two offices now brought into one; the one having been formerly held by the said John Wells and Anthony Lewes, and the other by the said John Wells.

April 28. Warrant dormant to pay to Robt. Marbury, a Gentleman Usher Quarter Waiter to the late King, and now supernumerary, 10*l.* yearly, for life.

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April 28. Pardon to John Clavell, for all felonies and robberies, and a grant of his lands and goods forfeited, with a clause for his banishment before the 1st of August.

May 5. Dispensation for Horatio Lord Vere, to be absent from the Parliament in regard of indisposition of body.

May 8. Warrant to pay to Sir Allen Apsley, Surveyor for Marine Victuals, and Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 102,491*l.* 10*s.*, for setting forth 6 of his Majesty's ships and 21 merchant ships, for a service of eight months.

May 8. The like to the same, 13,535*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* imprest, on their accompts for setting to sea certain of the King's ships and pinnaces.

May 8. Grant to Robt. Woodford, of such sums of money, not exceeding 3,000*l.*, as are due to his Majesty for rent, custom, subsidy, and impost, for which there has been no process awarded.

May 8. Warrant to pay to John Wonham, Thos. Haile, Joshua Haile, and seven others, supernumerary Grooms of his Majesty's Chamber, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each yearly for wages, for their lives.

May 8. The like to Wm. Dighton, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann., for taking moles in the park at Theobalds.

May 8. Grant to John South, of an alms-room in Ewelme, co. Oxford.

May 8. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Chamber, 504*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, being an addition to the ordinary allowance for certain of the huntsmen.

May 8. Grant to Sir Thos. Love, of the office of Captain of Sandown Castle, co. Kent, with the fee of 20*l.* per ann., in the room of Sir Charles Glemham, deceased.

May 8. Grant to Thos. Cradock, his Majesty's Organ-maker, of 20*l.* per ann., for the oversight and tuning of his Majesty's organs at St. James's and in the Privy Lodgings at Whitehall.

May 8. Licence to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Newbury, co. Berks, to purchase, in mortmain, lands of John Chamberlaine, and 100*l.* per ann. of other lands, to enable them to perform the will of John Kendrick, deceased.

May 8. Grant to Wm. Ramsey, of a Trumpeter's place in ordinary, in place of John Ramsey, deceased, with the fee of 16*d.* per diem, for life.

May 8. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to deliver a livery to the said Wm. Ramsey, yearly.

May 11. Warrant to pay to Sir Harbottle Grimstone and Richard Scott, 3,302*l.* 14*s.* on accompt, for works to be done at the new fort at Landguard Point, co. Suffolk.

May 15. The like to Jean Caille, Treasurer General to the Queen, 15,000*l.* for her own use, and 2,000*l.* for her clergy, both for one year.

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May 15. Warrant to pay to the Mayor of Newcastle, 1,200*l.*, towards erecting fortifications near Tynemouth; the rest of the charge being defrayed by those of Newcastle.

May 15. Renewed Commission to the Lord Treasurer, with the Chancellors of the Exchequer and the Duchy of Lancaster, and divers others, to compound for lands unjustly detained from the Crown, and described in thirty inquisitions annexed.

May 15. Grant to John Mason, one of his Majesty's Musicians for the wind instruments, in the room of Thos. Mason his father, deceased, of a fee of 20*d.* per diem, and 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* per ann. for livery, for life.

May 15. Grant to Robert Skampin, of an alms-room in Christ Church, Norwich.

June 13. Warrant to discharge Bishop Howson of Oxford of the payment of first fruits.

June 13. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi, 2,000*l.*, paid to Nicholas Laniere for pictures bought in Italy for the King's use.

June 13. Grant to James Rosse, of the footfostership and keepership of his Majesty's deer in the forest of Galtres, co. York, in place of Thos. Lumsden, deceased, with an allowance of 4*d.* per diem, for life.

June 13. Warrant to pay to the Surveyors of Marine Victuals and Treasurer of the Navy, 3,117*l.* 10*s.* imprest, for setting to sea the Globe and the St. George, with 200 men, for six months.

June 17. Grant of incorporation for Leeds, co. York, with such clauses as the town of Grantham now enjoyeth, and such other clauses as may tend to their better government and advancement of the trade of clothing. [*See p.* 371; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 7.]

June 17. Commission to Thomas Jones, Master of the Toiles, and to John Jones his son, and also to Robert Graves and John Wood, Yeomen of the same, to take up timber and other necessaries, and also carpenters and all other artificers for that service.

June 26. Pardon to Hero Heris, for killing Tobias Wolties at Rochester.

June 26. Grant to Arthur Porter and John Oldfield, and the survivor, of the office of Bailiff of the manor of Spalding, co. Lincoln.

June 26. Warrant to the Master and Council of the Court of Wards, to levy so much of a fine set upon the Earl of Castlehaven and his Lady for her marriage as is due to the King, and to deliver the same to George Verney as his Majesty's gift.

June 26. Pardon to Edward Lord Vaux, and Wm. Vaux his brother, for all offences, except treason and murder, rape and incest.

June 26. Grant to Robt. Long, of the office of Receiver General of Middlesex, Essex, and Hertford, and of the City of London, for life, in reversion after the death of Hugh May, with an annuity of 50*l.* per ann.

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June 26. Grant to Geo. Bury and Robt. Seyliard, and the survivor, of the office of Collector of Petty Customs in the port of London, on surrender of a grant to the said Geo. Bury and George Wilmer, deceased.

June 26. Protection to Sir Geo. Rivers, Richd. Amhurst, Sergeant-at-Law, and Edw. Lindsey, for one year, to enable them to sell the lands and pay the debts of the late Earl of Dorset.

June 26. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to pay to Wm. Magoone and James Mawborne, his Majesty's two "Ayme-givers" 10*l.* apiece yearly for apparel, for their lives.

June 26. Grant of Incorporation to the Mayor and Aldermen of Newark-upon-Trent, co. Nottingham.

June 26. Warrant to pay to the Lady Benn, 100*l.*, for rent of her house at Kingston-upon-Thames taken up for the French Ambassador.

June 30. Grant to Patrick Black, for life, of the office of Tailor to his Majesty, to the Privy Chamber, the Footmen, the Henchmen, and Yeomen of the Guard, also for making horse clothes for the King's horses, with the fee of 12*d.* per diem; and the office of "cutter, razer, and printer of his Majesty's apparel," with the like fee.

June 30. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to furnish the said Patrick Black yearly with stuff for a livery.

June 30. Warrant to pay to Robt. Garrett and Henry Bold, Grooms of the Chamber of the late Queen Anne, 2*s.* each per diem, for their lives.

June 30. The like to Sir Robt. Karr, Keeper of the Privy Purse, 800*l.* without accompt, for his Majesty's service.

June 30. Grant of an alms-room in Ely, for Richd. Barnwell, for life.

June 30. Commission to Wm. Visct. Mansfield to be Lieutenant of co. Nottingham.

June 30. Warrant to pay to Richd. Browne, Under-keeper of Denmark House, such money as shall appear by bills subscribed by Viscount Purbeck, Keeper of that house, to be due for wages and works to be done in the gardens there.

June 30. Licence to the Master and Governors of Christ's Hospital in Abingdon, co. Berks, to purchase lands of 100*l.* per ann. [*This entry has been subsequently erased.*]

June 30. Grant of the Rectory of Framlingham cum capellâ de Saxtead, co. Suffolk, to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, to present thereto Henry Meriton, M.A., the same being in his Majesty's gift by promotion of Dr. Dove to the Bishopric of Peterborough.

June 30. Grant to Robt. Rayne, of the office of Yeoman Pricker of the privy harriers, in the place of James Wright, deceased, with an allowance of 3*l.* a month.

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July 5. Grant of a pension of 500*l.* per ann. to Edwd. Clerke, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to the late King James, for life, being the same allowance as the other Grooms enjoy.

July 7. Confirmation of a lease by the Lord Chief Baron and others to Richd. Bulkeley, at the nomination of Peter Newton, his Majesty's servant, of the townships of Cliviock and Llanllibeo with other lands in co. Anglesea, for 31 years to commence after the determination of a lease granted by Queen Elizabeth, at the rent of 14*l.* and 16*d.*; and also a similar lease from his Majesty to the said Richd. Bulkeley, of the said townships and lands.

July 7. The like confirmation of a lease to Peter Newton of Molewick Park. co. Denbigh, for 31 years after the determination of a lease granted by Queen Elizabeth, with a similar lease thereof direct from the King.

July 7. Grant to Henry Hastings, of a weekly market at Puddletown, co. Dorset. [*See p.* 367; *Sign Man., Vol* ii., *No.* 3.]

July 7. Warrant to pay to Thos. Hebbs, Surveyor of Ways, 101*l.* 6*s.*, for making and mending gates and bridges in his Majesty's private ways near London.

July 7. Grant to Alfonso Ferrabosco, for life, of the place of Composer of Music in ordinary, with the yearly fee of 40*l.*, in the place of John Copreario, deceased.

July 7. Warrant for the yearly payment of pensions and allowances to sundry his Majesty's Musicians.

July 7. Warrant for Thomas Hebbs, Surveyor of the King's Highways, to take special care to repair the ways in Long Acre, the way leading from Chelsea to Fulham, and others.

July 7. Warrant for allowance of five dishes at a meal and bouge of Court, for certain of his Majesty's Musicians, during pleasure.

July 7. Warrant to pay to Philip Jacobson, one of the King's Jewellers, 350*l.*, for a fair diamond set in a ring, cut in facets.

July 7. Warrant to pay to Edward Baseley 911*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, being the moiety of 1,822*l.* 2*s.* 6*d* jointly due to Abraham Abercromby and Elias Jolly, late his Majesty's Saddlers, who being dead, Baseley is to receive the same in right of his wife, who is sole executrix of Jolly.

July 7. Grant to Robert Lesley [Lasleigh], of a fee of 100*l.* per annum, and an allowance of 20*l.* yearly to buy him horses. [*See p.* 368; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 4.]

July 7. Grant to Robert Daliell, Page of the Field, of a similar fee and allowance.

July 7. Grant to Sir William Whitmore and George Whitmore, and their heirs, of the manor of Bridgwater Castle cum Heygrove, with lands in Heygrove, co. Somerset, and in Wendover, co., Buckingham. [*See p.* 367; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 5.]

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July 7. Licence to John Williams and Thomas Dixon, two of his Majesty's Sergeants-at-Arms, to purchase a piece of ground in Lincoln's Inn Fields, or elsewhere near London, in order to build thereon an amphitheatre to exercise therein martial discipline, with restraint of all plays and interludes one day in the week when these intended sports shall begin. [*"Stayed" is written in the margin.*]

July 7. Lease to Sir George Hastings and Thomas Gerard, of the lands of Henry Earl of Huntingdon, extended for the payment of 4,537*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, due to his Majesty. [*See p.* 370; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 6.]

July 8. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to James Sleighton, and George Story, his Majesty's servants, such allowance of clothing as was formerly granted to James Wright, deceased.

July 18. Warrant to prepare a demise to Sir Richd. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, of the King's two tenements at Holdenby, co. Northampton, in consideration of the surrender of a pension of 500*l.* per ann. granted to him by the late King, and also of 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* paid into the Exchequer.

July 27. Letter to the Lord Treasurer, Lord President, and Lord Chamberlain of the Household, to call before them the Earls of Ormond and Desmond, and to hear and determine the difference between them. [*Dated July* 26, 1626.]

July 27. Congé d'elire to the Dean and Chapter of Wells, to elect a Bishop, that See being now void by the death of the last incumbent. "His Majesty's pleasure signified by the Lord Duke of Buckingham, and by him procured."

July 27. Letter to the said Dean and Chapter, recommending Dr. Laud, now Bishop of St. David's to be Bishop of Bath and Wells. "His Majesty's pleasure signified, and procured, ut prius."

July 27. Warrant to pay to Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyors of Marine Victuals, 16,500*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for revictualling part of the great fleet lately returned from Spain, and other ships continued in service in the Narrow Seas and on the coasts of Ireland.

July 27. The like to the same, 7,589*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, for revictualling ships in extraordinary service in the Narrow Seas and on the coast of Ireland.

July 27. The like to the same, 1,686*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* for victualling four of the King's ships, and four pinnaces for four months; and also to Sir William Russell, for building and purchasing the same ships and pinnaces, 3,388*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.*, as also 2,076*l.* 14*s.* at the end of the service.

July 27. The like to Thomas Mynne, King's Harbinger, 685*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, for the attendance of himself and two Yeomen Harbingers at Southampton, Salisbury, and other places on the French, Swedish, and Savoy Extraordinary Ambassadors, and providing them with lodgings from the 26th August 1625 to the 23rd April following.

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July 27. Grant to Andrew Pitcairn, for life, of the office of Master Surveyor and Keeper of his Majesty's Hawks, with the accustomed fee of 30*l.* a month, and 10*s.* per diem for provision of meat for the hawks.

July 27. Commission to Sir John Savile and others, to treat with the tenants of lands in the West Riding of co. York, subject to wardship, to compound for the alteration and freeing of their tenures.

July 27. Warrant to pay to John Acton, his Majesty's Goldsmith, 6,551*l.* 19*s.*, for gilt plate and gold chains given away by his Majesty to Ambassadors at christenings, and for New Year's gifts; also for gold medals given to the Knights of the Bath, and for two ingots of gold offered at the coronation. [*See p.* 384; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 11.]

July 27. Grant to Sir Thomas Leigh, Sir Edward Vernon, and Edmund Bolsworth, for their several lives, of the office of Keeper of Tutbury Ward and lodge in the chase of Needwood, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster.

July 27. Warrant to the Wardrobe, to deliver to Vernon Bower, Yeoman of the Wardrobe of Beds, divers parcels of stuff for the service of the Queen.

July 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer, and Sir Henry Vane and Sir Marmaduke Darrell, Cofferers, of the Household, 11,000*l.* for his Majesty's special service.

July 31. The like to Wm. Earl of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlain of the Household, 8,400*l.*, for sundry jewels delivered by him, and disposed of according to his Majesty's special directions.

July 31. Grant to Christopher Blackall and Geo. Ley of the office of Searcher of the Ports of Exeter and Dartmouth, with a fee of 20*l.* per ann.

July 31. Warrant for cutting down pollard trees growing on his Majesty's manor of Walton-cum-Trimley, co. Suffolk, required for erecting forts in Essex and Suffolk.

July 31. Warrant to Abraham Jacob, executor of George Wilmer, deceased, Collector of the imposition of 10*s.* upon every hundred of foreign hops, to discharge James Fletcher, Wm. Watty and others, of their several bonds for payment of the said imposition.

July 31. Protection to Edw. Roy and his sureties for six months.

July 31. Grant to James Levingston, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, of lands in the manors of Battle and Blewbury, co. Berks, for 31 years, in reversion.

July 31. Commendam to Wm. Laud, late Bishop of St. Davids, and now Bishop of Bath and Wells, to hold with the said Bishopric a prebend in Westminster which he hath hitherto enjoyed; "by order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham, and by him procured."

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July 31. Grant to Maximilian Dancey, for life, and to his executors for 60 years afterwards, of the offices of water bailiff and keeper of the prison at Dover.

August 9. Protection to Henry Billingsley for one year.

August 13. Warrant for a patent for Mr. Wolfe to have the sole execution of the office of Apothecary to the Queen's Household, with the same allowances as Mr. Sheires, Apothecary to the King.

August 13. Licence to Sir Allen Apsley, Lieut. of the Tower, to be absent 40 days in the year, authorising Sir Wm. Parkhurst and Sir Thos. Broderick to execute his office.

August 17 Warrant to pay to Francisco Vercellini the charges of the diet of the Duchess of Tremouille and her company, after the rate of 30*l.* per diem.

August 22. Discharge to Sir Wm. Harrington, late Lieutenant of the Ordnance, of all money due to the King not exceeding 350*l.* on his accompt for that office, granted in consideration of his surrender of a pension of 6*s.* per diem granted by the late King to Fynes Morison, for life.

August 22. Warrant to pay to Thos. Grey, Under-keeper of the house and garden at Newmarket, 150*l.* for his service for nine years past, and 30*l.* per ann. for the future, during pleasure.

August 22. Warrant to discharge Sir Francis Wyat of the impost upon ten thousand weight of tobacco.

August 22. Warrant to pay to the Cofferers of the Household 500*l.*, to be employed for his Majesty's special service.

August 22. Warrant to Capt. Henry Wood, to take yearly 50 brace of partridges out of other counties to be turned out about Newmarket, and 50 brace of hares to be put into the hare-warren there, and to take away all dogs, guns, and nets that may be hurtful to the said game.

August 22. Letter to the Duke of Buckingham, Chief Justice and Justice in Eyre on this side Trent, with a schedule mentioning the number of deer his Majesty is pleased to bestow on the Lord Mayor of London and other his subjects, with the several parks where they shall be killed.

August 30. Letter to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Cambridge, and other heads of Colleges there, and to the Fellows and Scholars of Corpus Christi College, to admit Henry Butts, D.D. to be Master of the said Corpus Christi College. "By order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham, Chancellor of the said University."

August 31. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Chamber the yearly sum of 246*l.*, for allowances to Robert Smithwick and the other Grooms and Messengers of the Chamber to the Queen.

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August 31. Renewed grant to Sackville Crow, for the sole manufacture of iron ordnance for the merchants, during life, and also to make for 21 years all iron ordnance by the King or Council ordered to be transported.

August 31. Grant to Nicholas Battin, of the collectorship of tenths and subsidies of the clergy within the diocese of Exeter.

August 31. Ninety-seven letters to the Nobility and Privy Councillors, for money of free gift to the King.

Sept. 4. Declaration of his Majesty's pleasure that Lady Zouch, heretofore wife of Francis Lord Hastings, eldest son of George Earl of Huntingdon, should, notwithstanding her last marriage with Edward late Lord Zouch of Haryngworth, take rank and precedency as Lady Hastings.

Sept. 4. Grant to Sir James Ouchterlony, of divers arrearages due from Edmund Earl of Mulgrave, of the fee farm rent of the manors of Mowgrave alias Mulgrave and Seaton, co. York, amounting to 1,709*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.*

Sept. 6. Nine letters to Noblemen, for their contribution by way of free gift to his Majesty, to be employed for the common defence of the kingdom.

Sept. 6. Grant to Sir Robt. Harley, of the office of Master and Worker of the Mint, for life.

Sept. 6. Grant of denization for the Lady Charlotte, wife of James Lord Strange, and daughter of the Duchess Dowager of Tremouille.

Sept. 6. Warrant to the Commissioners of the King's revenues as Prince of Wales, to give order to Sir Adam Newton to pay to Sir Henry Vane, Cofferer of the Household, all monies due to his Majesty's servants for expenses of his house before his accession to the Crown.

Sept. 6. Warrant to Nicholas Briot, to make the Great Seal of England in silver according to a model presented by him to the King.

Sept. 6. Warrant to deliver to Nicholas Briot such proportion of silver as shall be sufficient for making the Great Seal.

Sept. 6. Warrant to give order to the King's Graver for making a Great Seal in silver, and a Privy Seal and Signet in gold, and a Council Seal in silver for the Queen's Majesty, according to patterns to be sent.

Sept. 9. Demise to John Harrison and Edward Fenn, for nine years, of the impositions on importation of sugars, except customs payable before 6th James I., made on the nomination of Sir George Goring, and in consideration of 12,000*l.* paid into the Exchequer, and also of a rent of 2,000*l.* per annum.

Sept. 9. Letter to ——— in behalf of Andrew Scott, a surgeon of Edinburgh, who had been surety for Sir John and Sir Walter Scott and Robert Scott; they are either to be apprehended or restrained of their liberty until they give satisfaction to the said Andrew Scott.

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Sept. 15. Warrant to pay to Henry de Vic 100*l.*, for carrying letters to Nantes and bringing others from the French Court, and for his employment there for five weeks.

Sept. 18. Letter to Henry Lord Clifford, for the apprehension of Sir Walter, Sir John, and Robt. Scott, dwelling in co. Cumberland, in accordance with the letter of Sept. 9.

Sept. 26. Pardon to Judith Bush, wife of Nicholas Bush, condemned for stealing goods of John Savage, granted on a letter from the Lord Mayor that the greatest part of the goods are in safe custody and ready to be restored.

Sept. 28. Letter to the enterprisers to establish a Company for the Advancement of a Design against the public enemy, signifying his Majesty's allowance thereof, and giving them power to assemble and advise of their proceedings, and that the King will lend them some of his own ships.

Sept. 30. Grant to Michael Crake, one of the King's Footmen in ordinary, of fines of 5*l.* and 30*l.* imposed on the High Sheriff of co. Oxford by the Judges of Assize, and also of the goods of John Powell, convicted of felony, so as the same do not exceed 40*l.*

Sept. 30. Pardon to John Stanford for killing Thos. Davies, granted on the suit of Henry Stanford, his father, and is for his life only.

Sept. 30. Warrant to pay to the Sergeant, Yeomen, and Grooms of the privy buckhounds, their allowances during their lives, but that as they die no others shall be admitted.

Sept. 30. The like for payment of customary allowances to the Yeomen and Grooms of the privy buckhounds, for their attendance from Midsummer to Michaelmas last.

Oct. 3. Grant to William Earl of Derby and James Lord Strange, his son, during their lives, of the office of Chamberlain of co. Palatine of Chester, upon surrender of the said Earl of his grant thereof from the late King.

Oct. 3. Discharge to the Master of the Jewel House, for plate used in the Bedchamber of the late King at his last sickness, and allowed to the Earl of Kellie for fees.

Oct. 5. Warrant for landing 4,000 weight of tobacco, brought from the Caribbee Islands for the use of Ralph Merrifeild and divers others.

Oct. 5. Warrant for a yearly livery to Robt. Tompson, Yeoman of the Wardrobe of Robes to the Queen, for life.

Oct. 5. The like to Thos. Tompson, Page of the said Robes, for life.

Oct. 5. The like for watch liveries for the Captain of the Guard, Yeomen, Grooms, and Pages of the Chamber, and others attending his Majesty and the Queen, the charge amounting to 348*l.*

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Oct. 5. Grant to Richard Piddington, of an alms-room in Ewelme, co. Oxford, for life.

Oct. 5. Warrant to pay to Anthony Berry, fisherman, 100 marks, for his ketch lost in the late expedition.

Oct. 5. The like to Rice Griffith, 150*l.*, for a ring set with a table diamond sold to the King.

Oct. 5. The like to Philip Burlamachi, 200*l.*, by him made over by bills of exchange to Lord Carleton, Ambassador Extraordinary in France.

Oct. 5. Pardon to Alice Kilby, condemned for stealing 30*l.* in money from Thos. Peirse, to extend to her life only.

Oct. 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Abraham Williams the usual sum of 1,150*l.* for liveries, beer, and other provisions for the service of the Lady Elizabeth, for this year 1626.

Oct. 6. Warrant to pay 1,500*l.* monthly, for the household expenses of the Elector and Electress Palatine, for a year ending September 1627.

Oct. 7. Another docquet of the pardon to Alice Kilby. [*See above, October* 5, 1626.]

Oct. 7. Privilege to Thos. Rouse alias Ruis and Abraham Cullen, merchants, for the sole making of stone pots, jugs, and bottles, for 14 years, they being the first inventors; but with proviso that none be prohibited importing the same from beyond seas.

Oct. 7. Warrant to the Master of the Jewel-house, to deliver to John Acton, the King's Goldsmith, 20,000 oz. of gilt, parcel gilt, and white plate, to be sold to him; this warrant being in lieu of a former warrant for delivery of the same to the Mint to be coined.

Oct. 10. Protection to Bray Ailworth and his sureties for one year.

Oct. 12. Warrant to Lord Keeper Coventry, to amend or alter the names of the Commissioners of the Loan.

Oct. 12. Grant to Philip Earl of Montgomery and the Lady Susan his wife, and the survivor, of rents of lands in Kent, Surrey, and co. Lancaster, amounting yearly to 159*l.* 15*s.* 2¾*d.*, together with the issues or mesne profits of 91*l.* 1*s.* 1½*d.* per ann., parcel of the same rents from Michaelmas, 1621.

Oct. 12. Grant of denization for Paul Woneccer, clerk, born in the Palatinate.

Oct. 12. Warrant to the Wardrobe, to supply a livery to Wm. Prichard, one of the King's Footmen extraordinary, for life.

Oct. 14. Letter to the Receiver of the Court of Wards, for continuing the payment to Sec. Conway of his pension of 2,000*l.* per annum. [*Dated October* 2.]

Oct. 14. Commission to the Lord Treasurer, and others of the Privy Council, and others, for surveying his Majesty's wardrobes, according to ancient custom.

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Oct. 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Paul Bayning, on his paying into the Exchequer 7,500*l.* to be lent to the King, 2,500*l.* lent to his late Majesty, with 1,677*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* for forbearance thereof; and also the said 7,500*l.*, with allowance for forbearance thereof, after the rate of 8*l.* per cent. per ann.

Oct. 17. Grant to Edw. Lord Denny, of the dignity of Earl of Norwich.

Oct. 17. Warrant for furnishing and delivering the St. Anne, a prize ship, to the company of Adventurers trading to Guinea and Benin [Bynney] by way of adventure, for twelve months.

Oct. 19. Licence to Philip Burlamachi and Wm. Anes, as his Majesty's Agents, to import 50,000 lbs. of Spanish or foreign tobacco, custom free, to be sold as his Majesty shall hereafter appoint.

Oct. 19. Warrant to John Earl of Annandale, for preservation of the game about Farnham Castle.

Oct. 19. Royal assent for Dr. White, Dean of Carlisle, to be Bishop there.

Oct. 26. Warrant to pay to William French 280*l.*, for transporting John Harrison, his Majesty's Agent, to Barbary, with six pieces of field ordnance.

Oct. 30. Another docquet of the royal assent for Dr. White, to be Bishop of Carlisle. [*See above, October* 19, 1626.]

Oct. 30. Warrant to pay to Edward Cordall, Cabinet-maker to the Queen, 94*l.*, by him disbursed for necessaries provided for her Majesty's service.

Oct. 31. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 40,000*l.*, to be made over by bills of exchange to Julian Calandrini, for the entertainment of 6,000 men, to be transported from the Low Countries for the service of the kingdom, in his Majesty's pay, for four months.

Oct. 31. Pardon to Captain Stephen Countrey, of Kent, for killing William Claybrooke.

Oct. 31. Warrant to William Earl of Salisbury, for preserving the game in the parts near Quickswood, in cos. Hertford and Bedford.

Oct. 31. Grant of denization to Mary Aels, born in the Low Countries; procured by the Earl of Berkshire.

Oct. 31. Two similar denizations for John Fowler and Robt. Hope.

Oct. 31. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Chamber, 400*l.* per ann., for ten footmen to attend her Majesty.

Oct. 31. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay to each of the same ten footmen 40*l.* per ann.

Nov. 2. Protection to Sir Nicholas Salter and his sureties for one year.

Nov. 2. Warrant to pay to George Johnson, woollen draper, 4,853*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* for divers parcels delivered into the Great Wardrobe in the times of Sir Roger Aston and the Earl of Carlisle, Masters thereof.

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Nov. 2. Grant to William Geeres of the office of Surveyor of his Majesty's Dresser and Chamber, to attend upon his Majesty's diet, with an allowance of 18*d.* per diem, for life, in the room of Sackville Mason.

Nov. 2. Warrant to Secretary Conway, for preservation of the King's game near Ragley and Luddington, co. Warwick.

Nov. 2. Warrant to pay to Edmund Taverner 200*l.*, for a diamond sold to his Majesty, and given to Mons. Frogan.

Nov. 3. Warrant for assigning 1,596*l.*, to be paid by the Farmers of the petty customs of currants and French and Rhenish wines to the Cofferers of the Household, for three years, or until 5,000*l.* arrears in his Majesty's house the last year be fully paid.

Nov. 3. Grant to Thos. Visct. Colchester of the dignity of Earl Rivers, with remainder, in default of issue male, to his son-in-law Sir Thos. Savage, created by the same patent Visct. Savage. [*See p.* 468; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 14.]

Nov. 3. Warrant to pay to Wm. Smith, one of the King's Trumpeters, in the room of Nicholas Stranham, deceased, 16*d.* per diem, for life.

Nov. 3. The like to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for a livery for the said Wm. Smith.

Nov. 4. Grant to Sir Robert Harley, K.B., of the office of Master and Worker of the Mint, as the same was held by Sir Randill Cranfield, wherein nevertheless he is to be accomptable to his Majesty for all the profits, and to receive thereout only 500*l.* per annum. [*See p.* 469; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 15.]

Nov. 4. Warrant to pay to Ambrose Boarde, from the death of William Goodman, 6*d.* per diem, for looking to the game of pheasant and partridge in and about Hounslow Heath; by order of the Duke of Buckingham.

Nov. 4. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay to Cuthbert Collins the wages of 16*d.* per diem, which Robert Broome, deceased, lately had.

Nov. 5. Letter to the Commissioners of the Revenue, to cause payment to be made to James Duke of Lennox, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, of his annuity of 1,400*l.*, notwithstanding any act, order, or restraint. [*The letter dated the 4th Nov., the docquet the 5th.*]

Nov. 6. Warrant to pay to Thos. Hooker, Keeper of the tennis court at St. James's, 798*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, for provision of balls and other necessaries, and for money lost unto him by his Majesty at play.

Nov. 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Love, out of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Winchester, 2,000*l.*, to be disbursed to the Captains serving his Majesty in the late expedition to Cadiz, for their wages for four months, at 8*s.* per diem.

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Nov. 6. Release to Rice Lloyd, of the fine of 500*l.* imposed on him for divers misdemeanours.

Nov. 6. Grant to Sir John Burgh, of a pension of 200*l.* per ann., for life.

Nov. 6. Grant to Edmund Johnson, of an alms-room in Peterborough, for life.

Nov. 6. The like to John Harpwood in Christ Church, Oxford.

Nov. 6. Grant of denization to Bonaventure Browne, born beyond sea but of English parents.

Nov. 6. Commission of Lieutenancy of cos. Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland to Francis Earl of Cumberland, Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Henry Lord Clifford, and Algernon Lord Percy.

Nov. 8. Release to the town of Beverley, co. York, of all arrears of fifteens or tenths due before the 17th June 1626.

Nov. 8. Grant, at the suit of the Queen, to the Provost and Scholars of Queen's College, Oxford, of the advowsons of the rectories of Headley, Niton, and Weyhill, and the vicarages of Milford, Godshill, and Carisbrooke, co. Southampton, to be held in frank almoigne. [*See p.* 471 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 17.]

Nov. 8. Warrant to the constables of St. Briavells, and of the forest of Dean, co. Gloucester, and all other officers of the said forest, to take special care for preventing the destruction of the King's woods.

Nov. 8. Grant to Thos. Seabroke, of the keepership of the park at Bagshot, co. Surrey, with an annuity of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for life ; by order of the Duke of Buckingham.

Nov. 8. Warrant to pay to Sir Henry Herbert, Master of Revels, 200*l.*, for necessaries for that office, and such further sums yearly as shall be requisite.

Nov. 8. Warrant to Sir William Haydon, for preservation of the King's game in co. Norfolk. [*Dated Nov.* 9, 1626.]

Nov. 8. The like to Sir Thomas Woodhouse, within five miles compass of Kimberley, co. Norfolk.

Nov. 8. The like to Sir Henry Hungate, within five miles compass of Bradenham, co. Norfolk.

Nov. 8. The like to Sir Charles le Groos, within five miles compass of Crostwick, co. Norfolk.

Nov. 8. The like to Sir Thomas Germaine, within five miles compass of Thetford and Swaffham, co. Norfolk.

Nov. 8. The like to Sir Henry Gerningham, in co. Norfolk.

Nov. 8. Warrant to pay to Sir Kobert Karr, Keeper of the Privy Purse, 1,000*l.* without accompt.

Nov. 8. Grant to Vincent Taylor of an alms-room in St. Peter's, Westminster, for life. [*Dated Nov.* 10, 1626.]

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Nov. 8. Grant of incorporation to the town of Queenborough, co. Kent. [*See p.* 471 ; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 16.]

Nov. 8. Grant to Bishop Laud of Bath and Wells, of the instalment of the first fruits of the said Bishopric, to be by him paid in four years.

Nov. 8. Grant to Dr. John Collins, of the office of Physic Professor in the University of Cambridge, for life, with the fee of 40*l.* per annum, in place of John Gostlin, deceased.

Nov. 13. Letter to Katherine Duchess of Lennox, authorizing her to undertake the tuition of her son, the Duke of Lennox, and the managing of his estate in England during his minority, notwithstanding any former authority given for that purpose to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Keeper, and others.

Nov. 13. Letter to the Judges and Justices of the Courts of Record in London and elsewhere, in behalf of the French and Dutch strangers, to suffer them to use their trades without let or hindrance.

Nov. 15. Warrant to pay to Sir Baptist Hicks 10,000*l.*, lent by him to the late King.

Nov. 15. The like to Oliver Browne, one of his Majesty's Upholsters, 380*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, for goods delivered into the Great Wardrobe eight years since.

Nov. 16. The like to Henry Earl of Holland, 5,800*l.*, for his journey to the Low Countries in conjunction with the Duke of Buckingham, and for three diamond rings and a picture case of gold set with diamonds, bestowed according to his appointment.

Nov. 16. The like to Wm. Lewis, 20*s.* per day, for attending his Majesty's service in France, from 28th March to 12th September 1626, and 264*l.* for expenses.

Nov. 16. Warrant to Emanuel Lord Scrope, President of the Council in the North, to admit Christopher Brooke, a Councillor in Ordinary there in place of Sir Thos. Tyldesley.

Nov. 17. Dispensation for Anthony Maior, parson of the rectory of Rempstone, co. Nottingham, to be absent from the parsonage house.

Nov. 17. Grant of denization to Daniel Loulett, a stranger born.

Nov. 17. Warrant to pay to Robert Earl of Warwick 402*l.*, for the entertainment of his Majesty's officers in the forts at Harwich and Landguard Point for 6 months, to begin September 9th last past.

Nov. 21. Grant to Henry Harpur of Calke, co. Derby, Esq., of the dignity of Baronet ; " by order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham, and by him procured."

Nov. 21. Discharge to the said Henry Harpur of 1,095*l.*, payable to his Majesty for his said dignity of Baronet ; " by order, and procured ut prius."

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Nov. 24. Discharge to Sir Francis Wortley and his sureties of a recognizance for his appearance in the King's Bench in Michaelmas term last, at which time, by reason of his sickness and the great contagion, he could not appear.

Nov. 24. Grant to Wm. Legg, for life, on the surrender of Walter Vaughan, of the keepership of the King's Wardrobe and Revestry in the palace of Westminster, with the fees of 10*d.* and 2*d.* per diem, and of 10*l.* and 4*d.* yearly.

Nov. 24. Warrant to pay to Sir Baptist Hicks 4,966*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, being the use and interest of 10,000*l.* lent to the late King, and of 10,000*l.* lent to his now Majesty.

Nov. 24. The like to James Heriot, 565*l.*, for jewels sold to the King in October and December in last year.

Nov. 24. The like to the same, 1,560*l.*, for jewels and rings delivered to his Majesty at several times between the 27th February and the 1st October, 1626.

Nov. 24. The like to Signor Jeronimo Soldi, 50*l.* on his accompt, and further sums at the rate of 5*l.* per diem, for the entertainment of Mr. Matthias Quad de Wickerode, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Prince of Transylvania.

Nov. 24. Grant to Mons. L'Avignon, Quarter Waiter in the Chamber of Presence to the Queen, for life, of a pension of 100*l.* per annum, to commence from Midsummer last.

Nov 24. Warrant to pay to Dudley Lord Carleton 914*l.*, for his late employment in France, and for some remainders of moneys incident to his late Embassy to the Low Countries.

Nov. 24. The like to the same, as Ambassador Extraordinary in France, 1,535*l.*, for the transportation of himself and train to and from Paris and London, and between Paris and Nantes, and for postage.

Nov. 24. Discharge to the Duke of Buckingham for the pawning or disposing of the crown jewels received by the Duke from Lord Brooke, in the life time of the late King. [*See p.* 479; *Sign Man., Vol.* ii., *No.* 18.]

Nov. 24. Grant to Arthur Hooker, of the office of Keeper of his Majesty's Stables at Reading, with the fee of 12*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* per ann., for life.

Nov. 24. Warrant to the Court of Exchequer, to pass a decree to settle Ewloe Wood or Ewloe Park in co. Flint, on the King and his heirs for ever, in lieu of 480 acres of demesne lands.

Nov. 24. Warrant to pay to Edmund Taverner 400*l.*, for provision for the Queen's masque shortly to be performed.

Dec. 14. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Love 500*l.*, to be distributed amongst the lieutenants and ancients that returned in the late fleet from Cadiz, contained in a list subscribed by Visct. Wimbledon.

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Dec. 14. Grant to Edwd. Sebright of Besford, co. Worcester, of the dignity of Baronet.

Dec. 14. Warrant to strike a tally for the money to be paid, as hath been accustomed, by Edw. Sebright for his said dignity.

Dec. 14. Grant to Francis Earl of Rutland, Francis Earl of Westmorland, and Mildmay Lord Le Despencer, at the nomination of Sir Thos. Brudenell, of the penalties and forfeitures for Sir Thos. Brudenell's recusancy.

Dec. 14. Warrant to pay to Endymion Porter, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, 500*l.*, for the King's special service.

Dec. 14. Warrant dormant to the Wardrobe, to supply a livery yearly for Nicholas de Vall, one of the Pages of her Majesty's Bedchamber.

Dec. 14. Warrant to Sir Adam Newton, Receiver General of his Majesty's revenues when Prince of Wales, to pay to James Heriot 4,990*l.* due to him by four several Privy Seals, which are to be cancelled, and the payment thereof transferred as aforesaid.

Dec. 18. Warrant to pay to Francis Marcadet, a French jeweller, 1,100*l.*, for two pendants for the ear, of diamonds, with two fair pearls, bought of him by the Queen and given to Madame D'Effiat.

Dec. 18. The like to Florence M'Carthy, prisoner in the Gatehouse, for the space of a year and five calendar months, 219*l.*, after the rate of 3*l.* per week.

Dec. 18. Grant to Anthony Robert, of the place of one of his Majesty's Ordinary Musicians, for life, with the wages of 40*l.* per ann., from the death of Jonas Wrench.

Dec. 18. Lease to Francis Whitfield, for twenty-one years, of coal and lead mines in Hexham, co. Northumberland.

Dec. 18. Commission to Charles Earl of Nottingham and Edward Viscount Wimbledon to be Lieuts. for co. Surrey.

Dec. 29. The King to the Commissioners for Trade, to consider what merchandises deserve to be eased of the charge which now lies upon them, and what may admit of addition.

Dec. 29. Warrant dormant to pay to John Pendre, one of the Trumpeters in ordinary, in the room of Robt. Beech, deceased, 16*d.* per diem, for life.

Dec. 29. The like for allowance to the said John Pendre for his livery.

Dec. 29. The like to pay to Christopher Hopkins, one of the Trumpeters in ordinary in room of Robert Broome, deceased, 8*d.* per diem.

Dec. 29. The like for allowance to the said Christopher Hopkins for his livery.

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Dec. 29. Warrant to pay to William Lewis, sent by his Majesty into France, 20*s.* per day, with other customary allowances.

Dec. 29. The like to Sackville Crow, by appointment of the Commissioners for examination of the abuses of the Navy, 500*l.*

Dec. 29. The like to Anne Smith, 50*l.*, for a lute sold to the Queen.

Dec. 29. Renewed protection for Dame Anne Molyneux and her sureties.

Dec. 29. The King to Sir John Savile. When the office of Surveyor General of Customs, held by Sir Philip Cary, shall become void, Sir Thos. Savile, one of the Privy Chamber, son to the said Sir Thomas [John ?], shall have the same.

Dec. 31. Warrant to pay to John Hart, Groom of the Robes, 145*l.* 5*s.*, for two years arrear of a pension granted to Alexander Wilson, deceased, Yeoman of the Robes to Prince Henry, and six years arrear of a fee of 18*d.* per diem, also due to the said Wilson; the said sums being payable to John Hart, as son to Christian, late wife and executrix of said Wilson.

Dec. 31. Declaration of his Majesty, at the suit of Thomas Arundel, son and heir of Lord Arundel of Wardour, that sundry manors of which Lord Arundel is seised in tail, with ultimate remainders in fee to the Crown, shall not be granted or passed to any person whatsoever.

Dec. 31. Grant of union of the parishes of St. Mary Witton, in Droitwich, co. Worcester, and St. Andrew in the same town.

Dec. 31. Commission to Lord Treasurer Marlborough, Philip Earl of Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, and others of the Privy Council, to inquire into abuses in the office of the Robes.

Dec. 31. Renewed protection for Sir John Townsend and his sureties.

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